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U.N. urges environment protection
OSLO (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar called Saturday for action rather than words to fight the growing threats of world pollution and economic decay. He was addressing the start of a two-day environmental conference attended by 24 heads of the world organization's specialised agencies. Perez de Cuellar said that although environmental problems had been adopted as a top priority by the international community, practical steps were needed. "I am sure you will agree that serious consideration and positive reaction is the easy part. The far more difficult task of taking effective action... lies ahead," he said. The United Nations leadership gathered here at the invitation of Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland in a bid to breathe new life into the fight against international pollution. Third World poverty and ecological destruction, Perez de Cuellar said he welcomed the growing attention environmental issues were getting at international gatherings. But he accused the world of misusing its resources in the arms race rather than improving the economic and environmental conditions of developing nations.

Libya agree to resume talks
LIBREVILLE (R) — Chad and Libya, at war for more than a decade over a stretch of the Sahara desert, pledged Saturday to continue their dialogue to resolve the dispute. But the North African neighbours, ending three days of talks, failed to announce a resumption of diplomatic ties or a meeting of their heads of state as had been expected. They also did not set a date or place for another meeting. A joint communiqué issued at the talks in the Gabonese capital Libreville said the two sides "reaffirm their determination to make all necessary efforts to solve all the issues in a spirit of brotherhood... and agree to pursue their talks." The talks were between Chad's Foreign Minister Gomara Lassou and his Libyan counterpart Abdullah Azzouzi Al Talhi, with Gabonese Foreign Minister Martin Bongo acting as chairman. Gabon chairs a special Organisation of African Unity (OAU) committee charged with mediating the border dispute. Political sources said Gabonese President Omar Bongo summoned both delegations Friday night to urge them to make progress in the talks. The communiqué said the delegations had discussed "ways to restore an atmosphere of trust with the aim of normalising bilateral relations."

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Saleh supporters win majority in N. Yemen
SANA'A (R) — Results of North Yemen's first general election show most of those elected are supporters of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, political observers said Saturday. Names of the 128 winners among more than 1,200 candidates were announced Friday night. There are no political parties but the observers said most would vote to reelect Saleh when his term expired. The remaining 31 members of the 159-seat parliament are appointed by the president. Most of those named in a decree from Saleh Saturday are former ministers or military personnel. Candidates from a conservative religious grouping won all six seats in the capital Sana'a and about 25 per cent overall.

Akhromeyev visits Texas Alamo
SAN ANTONIO, Texas (R) — Chief of the Soviet General Staff Sergei Akhromeyev Saturday toured the Alamo, one of the most storied sites of America's old west. Akhromeyev was shown through the chapel-turned-fortress where Mexican troops in 1836 wiped out a besieged, outnumbered band of Texas revolutionaries including the legendary Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie.

Limpet mine explodes in S. Africa
JOHANNESBURG (R) — A limpet mine attached to a telephone pole exploded outside the clubhouse of a hockey team in Johannesburg Saturday, police said. The blast shattered the windows of nearby buildings but none of the 16 people in the clubhouse was injured. Last Saturday a car bomb killed two people and injured 18 outside the city's main rugby stadium as thousands of spectators were leaving at the end of a match.

Sharaa meets British opposition member
DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa met a leading member of the British opposition Labour Party Saturday in what diplomats said was the first Syrian-British contact since relations were cut nearly two years ago. The official Syrian News Agency (SANA) said Sharaa discussed the Arab-Israeli conflict with Gerald Kaufman, foreign affairs spokesman for the Labour Party. A spokesman for the British interests section at the Australian embassy said Kaufman's visit had no connection with the British government.

Bagaza's wife stages airport sit-in
NAIROBI (AP) — The wife of deposed Burundi President Jean-Paul Bagaza Saturday entered the sixth day of an airport sit-in after being barred from travelling to Burundi to see her children. Burundi, in a statement issued in Nairobi, claimed Bagaza was orchestrating the protest from Uganda, where he has lived intermittently since being ousted in a bloodless coup Sept. 3. The government has said it was willing to consider his return, but only if he made a formal request. Bagaza's wife, Faust, has been living in the VIP lounge at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta international airport since arriving from Uganda Tuesday, when she was refused permission to board Kenya Airways' flight to Burundi's capital Bujumbura. Burundi authorities had advised Kenyan authorities they would refuse landing permission to any plane carrying her.

Tightened British rules effective from Aug. 1
LONDON (AP) — The government says its new law tightening immigration into Britain for some categories of Commonwealth citizens will come into force Aug. 1. Under the new law, male Commonwealth citizens living in Britain who want to bring their families from abroad to live with them in this country will have to prove they can support them before the families are allowed in. The new law will also require proof that a marriage was not entered into to go to it if allowed in and that a marriage was not entered into primarily for immigration reasons. The Aug. 1 start-up date for the new law written by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government was announced Friday by the Home Office. The opposition Labour Party repeatedly opposed the changes as the immigration bill proceeded through parliament but failed to stop it. The bill formally became law May 10 but left it up to the government to announce when the new measures would come into force. Critics said the new measures unfairly target Bangladeshis, the last wave of Commonwealth immigrants.

Bolsheviks Bukharin, Rykov, rehabilitated
MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Communist Party has rehabilitated Nikolai Bukharin and Alexei Rykov, two leading opponents of Josef Stalin, 50 years after they were shot as "enemies of the people." TASS news agency said Saturday. Bukharin and Rykov, who were posthumously cleared of criminal charges against them last February, were restored to full honour within the party. The news agency said Bukharin, Rykov and five other men executed after a major show trial in 1938 had been rehabilitated by the party control committee on June 21. Nine others were rehabilitated earlier, it said.

Qatar opens diplomatic ties with China
BAHRAIN (R) — Qatar established diplomatic relations with China Saturday, reducing to two the number of Arab countries yet to recognise the communist state. "The State of Qatar and the People's Republic of China decided to establish diplomatic relations on the ambassadorial level as of Saturday," the official Qatari News Agency said. A similar statement was issued in Peking, the agency added. Diplomats have predicted that Saudi Arabia and Bahrain may follow suit soon.

Shultz arrives in Indonesia
JAKARTA (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz arrived here Saturday after "satisfactory" discussions in Kuala Lumpur with Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on human rights issues. At a news conference just before he left Kuala Lumpur for Jakarta, Shultz was asked whether he had brought up human rights issues with Mahathir as requested by 28 U.S. congressmen in a letter last week. Shultz said he had discussed the issue with Mahathir after meeting with Foreign Minister Abu Hassan in Bangkok before coming here.

Asylum seekers flood W. Germany
BONN (AP) — Nearly 40,000 people have applied for political asylum in West Germany in the first six months of this year, and the number of asylum seekers could top 100,000 by the end of the year, Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann said Saturday. He said if the number of asylum seekers continued to grow at the present rate, the annual total could equal the record years of 1980 and 1987, when more than 100,000 people requested asylum. By the end of June, 39,885 people had applied for asylum, about 36 per cent of them from Soviet bloc countries, Zimmermann said. He said only about 9.5 per cent of the applicants fulfilled requirements needed to receive political asylum, while the others were mainly people seeking better economic conditions. The largest number of asylum seekers so far this year came from Poland — 12,136, followed by 7,543 Turks, 5,251 Yugoslavs, 3,784 Iranians, 1,308 Lebanese and 1,139 Pakistanis, Zimmermann said.



His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai (right) with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo Saturday (Petra photo)

King, Mubarak hold talks in Cairo

Jordan renews support for uprising, urges Gulf peace

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein paid a working visit to Cairo Saturday and held talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on topics believed related to efforts for peace in the Middle East, the Iran-Iraq war and bilateral issues. Addressing a press conference after his talks with Mubarak, the King renewed Jordan's pledge to support the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. "We will continue to bolster the uprising, our kinfolk and brothers in the occupied territories with our maximum capabilities," the King said. "We are really proud of their steadfastness in their homeland." The King called for the implementation of U.N. Security Council resolution 598 which calls for an immediate ceasefire in the almost eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war. "The full implementation of this resolution is in the interests of us all," he said. Commenting on a multi-billion-dollar arms deal with Saudi Arabia announced by Britain Friday, the King said the Arabs should "use all potentials available for self-defence." Asked whether Jordan would follow the example of Saudi Arabia, and purchase weapons from the reports said, "The army put the injured figure at 11, saying it included an Arab boy who suffered a bullet wound after a clash in the Gaza Strip and a soldier who was hit in the shoulder by a large rock." One of the major incidents occurred in Arura near the West Bank city of Ramallah where witnesses said soldiers beat five Palestinians during a raid to conduct arrests, and smashed the head of one man into a wall and with a rifle butt.

U.S. greets possible shift in Iranian stand with caution

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — U.S. defence officials reacted with caution to a statement by Iran's military chief that Tehran will not retaliate violently against the U.S. for the downing of an Iranian airliner in the Gulf. "I hope he speaks for everybody in Iran. But who knows?" one Pentagon official told Reuters after the statement by Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani in Tehran Friday. "It seems to be a shift away from threats that we have been hearing all week. If it is true, we welcome it," said another official, who asked not to be identified. But administration officials have said that U.S. military forces in the Gulf remain on a high state of alert. Rafsanjani said any action by Iran could turn world opinion against his country, but he expressed horror at a U.S. poll which said most Americans believed the captain of the cruiser Vincennes acted properly Sunday when he blasted the A-300 Airbus from the sky, killing 290 passengers and crew. The Defence Department has said the airliner was sending a signal indicating it was an F-14 fighter jet, but Rafsanjani said if Americans "approve of this crime, they are no longer human." Meanwhile, the United States sent condolences to the six countries other than Iran whose citizens were among the 290 killed on the airliner. White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said messages of sympathy had been despatched to Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, India, Yugoslavia and Italy. The administration sent a similar message to Iran Sunday expressing America's "deep regret over the incident. But the State Department said Friday there had been no reply. A naval investigation into last Sunday's disaster continued, both in the Gulf and at naval facilities here where experts were analysing electronic tapes from the Vincennes, but no definite answers to a host of unanswered questions were expected for at least two weeks. President Reagan, meanwhile, said he had not yet reached a decision on possible compensation for the victims' families. "All of that's under consideration," Reagan told reporters when asked about the compensation issue at a brief appearance in the White House pressroom. In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze said Saturday that the downing of the Iranian airliner was dramatic proof of what the American policy of "building up tensions" can lead to. It was the highest-level official Soviet comment to date on the incident. Shevardnadze met Saturday in Moscow with U.S. Ambassador

At least 32 Palestinians wounded Sustained violent protests mark 8th month of uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM uprising entered its eighth month and a general strike called by underground leaders paralysed the occupied West Bank and Gaza Saturday as the Palestinian

Reports said 32 Palestinians were wounded or injured either by gunfire, rubber bullets, beating or tear-gas. One man was listed in serious condition with a fractured skull from a beating, the reports said. The army said troops detained at least several stone-throwing protesters in Arura after chasing them into homes. The strikes, urged by leaflets distributed earlier this week, meant shops were closed and public transportation was halted in Arab Jerusalem, Ramallah, Nablus, Hebron, Gaza City and other main towns in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. (Continued on page 5)

Dajani: No request for political party in Jordan

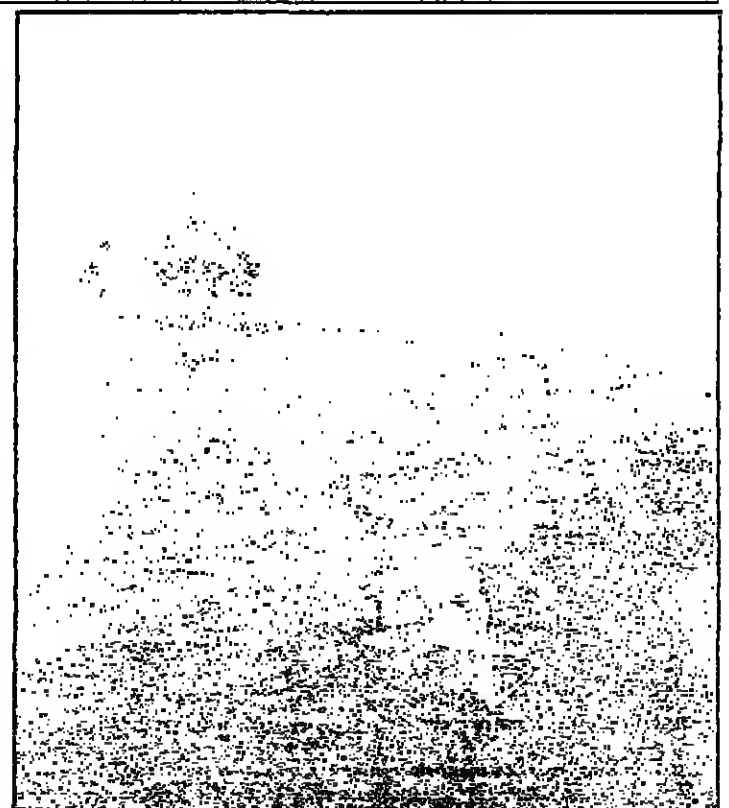
AMMAN (J.T.) — Interior Minister Rajai Dajani has denied that a number of Jordanian personalities had requested permission to form a political party in the Kingdom. In an interview with Saudi Arabia's Al Jazeera newspaper appearing Sunday, Dajani said the question of political parties in Jordan was governed by provisions of a 1955 law. "All political parties in the Arab World are opposed to this law and contradict the articles of the Jordanian Constitution," the minister said. Therefore, he added, no such political parties will be allowed to conduct any activities in Jordan. The minister also said Jordan had never stopped issuing passports to citizens from the Gaza Strip who qualify for the document under the passport regulations and there had been no amendment or cancellation of earlier decisions in this matter. "This issue is by no means connected to relations between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)," the minister added. Dajani paid tribute to Jordanian-Saudi relations, which, he said, "are being constantly strengthened under the wise guidance of Their Majesties King Hussein and King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz."

Israeli troops kill Gazan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — A Palestinian was shot dead in the Gaza Strip Saturday as Israeli troops clashed with stone-throwing protesters. Officials at Shifa hospital in Gaza City said 25-year-old Faez Suleiman Hussein was killed by a soldier during a demonstration at Jabalya refugee camp after a prayer session in a local mosque. The killing took the Palestinian death toll to 226 in the uprising. Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze said Saturday that the downing of the Iranian airliner was dramatic proof of what the American policy of "building up tensions" can lead to. It was the highest-level official Soviet comment to date on the incident. Shevardnadze met Saturday in Moscow with U.S. Ambassador

U.S. experts boards burning North Sea rig

ABERDEEN, Scotland (Agencies) — Oil troubleshooter "Red" Adair boarded the Piper Alpha oil platform Saturday for a first-hand look at the fires still burning on the twisted wreckage where 166 people died in the world's worst oilfield disaster. A crane from the nearby support vessel Tharos lowered Adair onto the North Sea rig in a basket, said Occidental Petroleum, the rig's owner. The U.S. company hired the 73-year-old Texan to make the platform safe, seal gas leaks and determine whether he can save the oil wells to which the rig is connected. Occidental says it believes a gas leak caused the explosion Wednesday night which turned the 34,000-ton rig into a fireball. Sixty-four rig workers survived, including 18 who remain hospitalised. The hospital Saturday said one was in serious condition and the rest were stable. Adair and two assistants flew to the disaster site, 180 kilometres off Scotland's east coast, Friday. They have been using the Tharos, a semi-submersible support vessel which Adair helped design, as a temporary base. "He's assessing the current situation with a view to controlling the wells," said an Occidental spokeswoman who declined to be identified. "He has flown over the platform and viewed videos taken of the platform since the incident." Occidental said it would take several days to make the wreck safe. It said fires were still burning on several of the 36 well heads. No gas was believed to be escaping but the risk of an explosion could not be ruled out. Adair, 73 spent an hour on the platform before examining video pictures taken by an unmanned submarine which circled the damaged underwater structure of the installation. Authorities declared a 10-mile danger zone around the platform after rescuers stopped searching for 149 bodies still missing.



An aerial view of the burning oil platform Piper Alpha (foreground) and platform Tharos (background), used by rescuers and firefighting experts

Cordovez outlines plan for Afghan peace

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — U.N. envoy Diego Cordovez spelled out Saturday a plan for ending the war in Afghanistan and diplomats said it faced formidable obstacles. Cordovez told reporters he wanted to see a cooling off period and ceasefire in Afghanistan from Sept. 1 during which a group of independent and impartial Afghans would take over the reins of government in Kabul. The group's main function would be to prepare for a traditional Afghan Loya Jirga (grand assembly) of leaders of all segments of Afghan society. This meeting would hammer out how the country should be governed. Under the agenda set out by Cordovez at a news conference, the Loya Jirga would be held by March 1 next year and a new government take power by March 15, one month after the last Soviet soldiers in the country are due to leave. "What all Afghans yearn (for) after so many years of war and suffering is a peaceful and stable Afghanistan in which all segments can come together to heal the wounds of the tragic conflict that has taken place and to rebuild their homeland," he said. Western diplomats in the Pakistan capital saw great difficulties ahead, while Afghan dissident sources said they were bitterly opposed to anything that gave the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan a role. "We will not have anything to do with communists, any kind of communists," said Azim Nasser-Zia of the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan. Cordovez, who insisted his role was not to make demands on Afghans but to offer alternative routes to political peace, said his proposed "national government for peace and reconstruction" would consist of "recognised independent and impartial" Afghans. Afghan rebel leaders have insisted they will continue to fight until the Soviet army is out of Afghanistan and the current Kabul government of President Najibullah is toppled. "I doubt whether there could be a cooling off period," said Ikram Gran, spokesman for the seven-party Afghan rebel alliance headquartered in Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar. "As long as the regime is in Kabul, there is no choice for Afghans but to fight," he said. The selection of "independent and impartial" representatives, however, is possible, said Gran. Both he and Nasser-Zia suggested former cabinet ministers and technocrats now living outside Afghanistan. Cordovez said Najibullah's national reconciliation plan and attempts by Afghans outside the country to generate mass support have failed. But he said the traditional Loya Jirga would be able to establish a government with broad-based support. Cordovez returned to Islamabad Friday from Kabul, where he met with Afghan government leaders, including Najibullah and Soviet Gen Valentin Veremikov. However, he said the thrust of his Afghan visit was to review the United Nations observation team's progress and iron out what he called "teething problems." The U.N. good offices mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan arose from the April 14 Geneva accord brokered by Cordovez that provided for the phased Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Why so many students are inadequate readers, writers?

Editor's Note: This is the second of a seven-part series entitled "Learning to be Literate in Arabic: Needs and new directions." The series was written by Professor David B. Doake of the School of Education at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Doake has done field research in Jordan on the specific problems of illiteracy in Arabic, making this series particularly useful to teachers, government specialists and parents.

Is learning to read and write inherently difficult?

Learning to read and write, for many children, whether they have ready and continuous access to schooling or not, is frequently a difficult and demanding task.

Few too many of them fail to achieve a functional level of literacy and an even greater number leave their schools and colleges in an illiterate state.

Where, as in Arabic, the written form of the language differs considerably from its spoken form in its phonology, morphology, syntax, lexicon, semantics, and contexts of use, the learning required, almost certainly, may present even greater difficulties.

The question that must be asked is why learning to be literate poses so much of an obstacle for so many of our students? Why do so many of them, including some of our more able students, end up as inadequate readers and writers? Learning to speak and listen to their language presents no such similar difficulty.

By the age of four or five, and sometimes sooner, most children have mastered the majority of the elements of their spoken language and they have done so without any formal instruction being received from their parents and without any obvious effort to learn on their part. They become fluent users of oral language with apparent ease and enjoy engaging in their learning immensely.

As the result of the conclusions reached from researches conducted to examine how children learn to read and write by observing them engaged in the process of their learning, we now know that we have been operating in our teaching methodologies on a set of misleading assumptions in our attempts to help children learn to become literate.

By assuming that written language learning is different from oral language learning we have been setting up barriers to this learning. By viewing learning to read and write as unnatural language learning processes we have been assuming that they have to be formally taught to children. This teaching has to be performed by trained teachers, since only they know all the skills that need to be taught and in what sequence. Only they have available the appropriate materials through which the necessary instruction can be provided.

These assumptions, it is contended, have placed severe restrictions on children in their effort to become fully and joyfully literate.

If learning to read and write are ever to become processes which children master with similar facility and ease with which they learn oral language, a very different view has to be adopted of the nature of the task.

These processes have to be accepted for what they are —

natural language learning ones which children can direct, regulate, and monitor for themselves. The challenge facing parents and teachers is to provide the conditions for this learning to occur, and, by their actions, facilitate its continued development.

Learning to read and write

When we examine how reading and writing have been taught traditionally we see that they have been viewed as secondary or derived tasks that are parasitic on a certain pre-determined level of competence first being achieved by the learner in oral language.

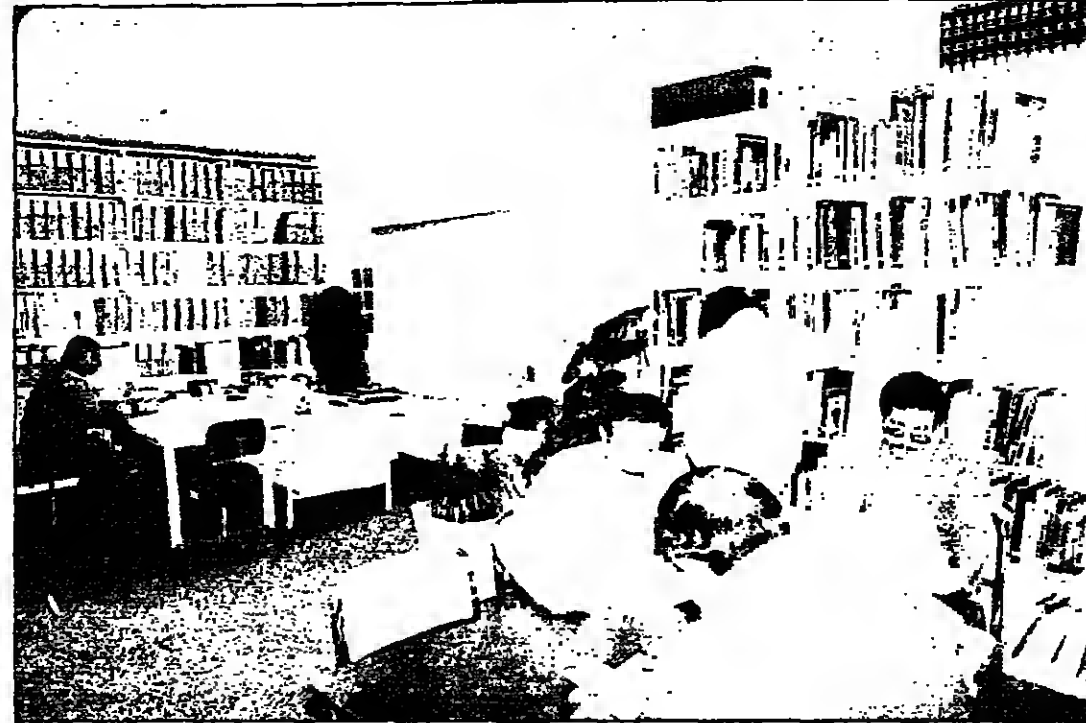
It has been believed that children have to learn to talk before they can be expected to begin to learn to read and write their language. Somewhat surprisingly, this view holds true for the Arab World also, despite the fact that there is little relationship between the oral and written forms of the language.

Conditions for learning to talk and listen to language

In oral language learning, which commences for most children at birth, and probably before birth, they control their own learning from the very beginning — experimenting, approximating, and practising its production constantly because of strong, intrinsically motivated desire to learn to communicate with those around them.

In written language learning, which, it has been mistakenly believed, begins after children enter school, this is especially true in the Arab World, teachers become the controlling agents for most of the learning.

They tell their students what to learn and when to learn, and



Many people, even after years of schooling, consider themselves inadequate readers and writers.

continuously correct their efforts to reproduce and reconstruct written language through reading and writing.

The conditions provided for children's oral language learning are quite different from those that are usually present for their written language learning. They are immersed in whole, meaningful language being used functionally from birth — the optimum time for language learning to begin.

Whole sentences and units of thought are used in their presence from the beginning and they commence attending to and reconstructing what they want to attempt to say.

Nobody corrects their approximations and their every attempt to communicate is frequently met with pleasure and a positive response.

Before long their babbling becomes recognisable language and the amount of interaction that occurs with the language users around them, dramatically increases.

Children learn to talk by talking because we invite them to do so. We have a built-in expectation that if we talk to and with them, they will learn to talk.

They continue to participate in the process of learning because we wait them to do so and we constantly encourage their participation in non-corrective ways.

They generate their own rule system for their increasingly accurate use of language because they want to convey meaning as precisely as possible. This grammatical rule system of course, corresponds closely with that of the language users around them. It

learning, though complex and extensive, requires no explicit instruction.

Indeed, to provide children with such instruction would be to grossly interfere with their progress in becoming skilled talkers and listeners.

Conditions for learning to read and write

The conditions provided for children learning to read and write usually bear few if any similarities to those that surround them for their oral language learning. Literacy learning is invariably delayed until they enter school, thereby losing access to the most valuable language learning years of children's lives.

Then, rather than commencing this learning with whole meaningful language being used functionally, children are usually presented with written language that has been fractionated into meaningless bits and pieces.

Since they experience great difficulty in learning anything that does not make sense to them, the motivation to learn what all these bits and pieces have to do with reading and writing has to be provided by the teacher.

Rote memorised, accuracy-oriented, teacher-directed learning predominates and the children quickly become teacher-dependent learners. Reading and writing soon come to be identified in their minds as school-based tasks that are to be engaged in only at the request of the teacher. The principles of learning to read by reading and of learning to write by writing never become operable under these conditions.

It is not difficult to see then,

that the language learning principles and practices which function so superbly for oral language learning, are generally ignored for written language learning.

The de-natured quality of the material that children are frequently directed to read, the performance-type oral reading which emphasises the reproduction of surface level accuracy of the words rather than a concern for meaning, and the constant requirement to complete a range of meaningless exercises supposedly related to what has been read, all contribute to the suffocation of any desire to become a reader in the real sense of the word.

The absence of any genuine purpose for any writing to be done, the knowledge that their teachers will be their only audience, and the return of their writing covered in corrective comments of all kinds with an all too frequent order to "rewrite," erodes their potential to become real writers.

We should not be surprised when, after years of schooling, so many students see themselves correctly as inadequate readers and writers who engage reluctantly in these activities.

It is clear that if any dramatic changes are to be made in the existing conditions for literacy learning so that children grow up as confident and skillful written language users, the first step to take is to change the view that most parents and teachers have of the nature of the processes involved. The next step is to provide these people with a range of suitable strategies to use in order to promote and facilitate the learning of these processes.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MASRI RETURNS: Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri returned to Amman Saturday at the end of a visit to Morocco, which lasted several days, during which he delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein II of Morocco. The minister also held talks with Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdul Larif Al Filali dealing with Arab affairs and Jordanian-Moroccan relations.

DAKHQAN VISITS AJLOUN: Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan Saturday visited Ajloun district to inspect the water situation there and the work of Water Authority services. The minister visited the Ain Al Qantara and the Ain Al Tannour water springs, which supply the region with water, and inspected water distribution programmes.

MASTERS AT YARMOUK: Yarmouk University has opened the door for post graduate students to obtain their Masters Degree in English language. A spokesman for the university's council of deans said that a post graduate student will have to acquire 27 credit hours with a cumulative average grade no less than 75 per cent.

THIEF JAILED: The military court has sentenced Ali Saadi Samir Hussein to two years in prison and the payment of JD 500 for embezzlement of public funds. The military governor has endorsed the sentence.

AGRICULTURAL ROADS: The Public Works Department in Mafrqa announced the completion of agricultural roads at a number of regions. The roads, totalling seven kilometres in length, cost JD 75,000 to construct.

TAIBEH ELECTIONS: Nomination for the municipal elections in Taibeh near Mazar Janubi in the Karak governorate began Saturday. A local official said that elections are scheduled for July 16, and a special committee chaired by the district governor has been set-up to take charge of the operation.

CSCC MARKS ANNIVERSARY: The Civil Service Consumer Corporation (CSCC) Saturday celebrated its 11th anniversary, and the corporation Director Nabil Abul Huda delivered a speech outlining the development of the CSCC's services and its expansions and new branches in the Kingdom.

SEMINAR FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS: The Ministry of Education Saturday opened a seminar for teachers of English in the Zarqa governorate. A total of 23 participants will hear lectures and acquaint themselves with the new English curricula set by the Ministry of Education for the coming scholastic year.

4 COURSES FOR TEACHERS: The Ministry of Education opened four training courses for teachers in the primary stage at Karak, Qasr and Mazar towns in southern Jordan. A total of 154 teachers are involved in the two-week courses.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION: The Jordanian Institute of Management Saturday opened a two-week training course on skills in administrative supervision. Participants are all senior officials from the Civil Aviation Authority who will be oriented on directing, controlling and organising work at their departments and up to date methods in executing their duties.

SEMINAR IN JERASH: A seminar on promoting cooperative work in Jerash district ended Saturday, and the participants urged the concerned authorities to set up a union for cooperatives in the district. They also called for the distribution of fodder to agricultural cooperatives.

COLLECTIVE MANAGEMENT: The Ministry of Social Development will open a symposium Sunday on collective management, to be attended by directors of social development departments. The three-day symposium, which is being held in cooperation with the Cultural Affairs Institute of Egypt, aims to evaluate experiments of integrated teams and to define the role of the ministry as a catalyst for social development.

THANKS TO ALL

The Bisharat and Abu Jaber families and their relatives and in-laws in Jordan express their gratitude to all who extended them condolences on the passing away of:

Najlata Wasef Bisharat

Thanks to all who took part in the funeral, who visited the home of the deceased and those who sent wreaths to be laid on the tomb. May God give you all a long and blessed life.

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7411-14</div><div>07:00 Morning Show</div><div>07:30 News</div><div>08:00 Morning Show</div><div>08:30 News Summary</div><div>11:05 In Concert</div><div>11:20 News Summary</div><div>12:05 Pop Session</div><div>13:05 News Summary</div><div>13:05 Pop Session contd.</div><div>14:00 News Bulletin</div><div>14:10 Instrumental Hits</div><div>14:30 Science Report</div><div>14:50 Concert Hour</div><div>15:00 News Summary</div><div>15:15 Instrumental Hits</div><div>16:30 Old Favorites</div><div>16:40 Listeners' Choice</div><div>19:00 News Summary</div><div>19:05 Religion and Ethics</div><div>19:10 News</div><div>19:20 Newsweek</div><div>19:30 Date with a Star</div><div>20:00 Evening Show</div><div>20:10 News Summary</div><div>21:05 Evening Show continued</div><div>21:55 News Summary</div><div>22:00 Evening Show continued</div><div>22:57 News Summary</div><div>23:57 Newsweek</div><div>24:00 Close Down</div></div>	<div><div>BBC WORLD SERVICE</div><div>679, 731, 1321 KHz</div><div>07:00 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The Future" The American Centre at 7:00 p.m.</div><div>CULTURAL CENTRES</div><div>Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 6610267</div><div>American Centre 64131</div><div>British Council 6361476</div><div>French Cultural Centre 637093</div><div>Goethe Institute 641993</div><div>Soviet Cultural Centre 644203</div><div>Spanish Cultural Centre 624049</div><div>Turkish Cultural Centre 639777</div><div>Haya Arts Centre 663195</div><div>Hussein Youth City 6671816</div><div>Y.W.C.A. 641793</div><div>Y.W.M.A. 664251</div><div>Amman Municipal Library 637111</div><div>Univ. of Jordan Library 643553</div><div>MUSEUMS</div><div>"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.</div><div>Folklore Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also museum from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651704.</div></div>	<div><div>Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists: Montazah, Jabal Lweideh. Opening hours: (10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.</div><div>SERVICE CLUBS</div><div>The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace hotel, 7.30 p.m.</div><div>Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7.30 p.m.</div><div>Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.</div><div>Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.10 p.m.</div><div>Royal Automobile Club, Jabal Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 816334, 817334.</div><div>CHURCHES</div><div>St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 634590.</div><div>Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Lweideh. Tel. 637440.</div><div>De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.</div><div>Sunday School Centre, Labry, 641534.</div><div>Terrassana Church (Roman Catholic), Jabal Lweideh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5.30 p.m. Tel. 644203.</div><div>Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abadi, Tel. 623541.</div><div>Anglican Church (Church of the Resurrection) Labry, Tel. 634533.</div><div>chaplain's residence tel. 601359.</div><div>Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331.</div><div>Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 775251.</div><div>St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751.</div><div>Armenian International Church (Interdenominational) meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534.</div><div>Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service. Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 8117951.</div><div>Reischof Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd Church) Ch. of the Good Shepherd, (Arabic) Tel. 81545.</div><div>20:40 Kuwait (RJ)</div><div>20:50 Larnaca (RJ)</div></div>	<div><div>QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT</div><div>This information is supplied by Royal Jordanian (RJ) information department at the Queen Alia International Airport Tel. (08) 532005, where it should always be verified.</div><div>ARRIVALS</div><div>ROYAL JORDANIAN (RJ)</div><div>FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)</div><div>16:20 Larnaca (RJ)</div><div>16:30 Cairo (RJ)</div><div>16:40 Kuwait, Dhahran (RJ)</div><div>16:45 Jeddah, Agaba (RJ)</div><div>16:45 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)</div><div>16:50 Doha, Bahrain (RJ)</div><div>16:55 Cairo, Agaba (RJ)</div><div>16:55 Kuwait (RJ)</div><div>17:00 Los Angeles Chicago, Vienna (RJ)</div><div>17:00 London (RJ)</div><div>17:05 Cairo (RJ)</div><div>17:10 Paris (RJ)</div><div>17:20 New York, Amsterdam (RJ)</div><div>17:25 Madrid, Geneva (RJ)</div><div>17:30 Brussels, Frankfurt (RJ)</div><div>17:35 Kuwait (RJ)</div><div>17:40 New York, Vienna (RJ)</div><div>17:45 Rome (RJ)</div><div>17:50 Istanbul (RJ)</div><div>17:55 Jeddah (RJ)</div><div>18:00 Baghdad (RJ)</div><div>OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)</div><div>09:10 Berlin, Larnaca (BER)</div><div>11:25 Kuwait (RJ)</div><div>11:40 Damascus (AZ)</div><div>11:45 Baghdad (LA)</div><div>11:50 Cairo (MS)</div><div>12:30 Bahrain, Doha, Sharjah (GF)</div><div>12:45 Kuwait (RJ)</div><div>12:50 Agaba, Cairo (RJ)</div><div>13:00 Athens (OA)</div><div>13:05 Dubai (EK)</div><div>13:15 Frankfurt (LH)</div><div>13:20 Beirut (ME)</div><div>13:25 London, Cairo (BA)</div><div>DEPARTURES</div><div>ROYAL JORDANIAN (RJ)</div><div>FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)</div><div>09:00 Dhahran, Kuwait (RJ)</div><div>11:45 Rome (RJ)</div><div>12:00 Vienna, New York (RJ)</div><div>12:30 Tunis, Casablanca (RJ)</div><div>12:40 Kuwait (RJ)</div><div>12:50 Agaba, Cairo (RJ)</div><div>13:00 Istanbul (RJ)</div><div>13:10 Kuwait (RJ)</div><div>13:20 Larnaca (RJ)</div></div>	<div><div>OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)</div><div>06:20 Damascus, Frankfurt (LH)</div><div>06:30 Cairo, London (BA)</div><div>06:40 Damascus, Paris (AF)</div><div>06:40 Larnaca, Berlin (BER)</div><div>06:45 Kuwait (RJ)</div><div>06:50 Baghdad (LA)</div><div>06:55 Cairo (MS)</div><div>06:55 Bahrain, Doha, Sharjah (GF)</div><div>07:00 Tripoli (LH)</div><div>07:05 Jeddah (SV)</div><div>07:10 Athens (OA)</div><div>07:15 Dubai (EK)</div><div>07:20 Sana'a (LH)</div><div>PRAYER TIMES</div><div>05:55 Fair</div><div>05:30 [Sunrise] Doha</div><div>12:41 Dhahran</div><div>16:24 'Asr</div><div>19:51 Maghreb</div><div>21:27 Isha</div><div>MONEY EXCHANGE</div><div>Saturday rates</div><div>Local selling rates in lbs</div><div>Belgian franc (for 100) 176.11</div><div>Dutch guilder 176.11</div><div>French franc 58.94</div><div>Italian lire (for 100) 26.71</div><div>Japanese yen (for 100) 274.77</div><div>Saudi riyal 57.39</div><div>Swiss franc 238.47</div><div>U.K. sterling pound 626.33</div><div>U.S. dollar 368.39</div><div>W. German mark 196.3</div><div>WEATHER</div><div>Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.</div><div>The weather will be relatively warm and hot. However, a slight fall in temperature is expected towards dusk with north-westerly moderate to freshening winds. In Agaba, the winds will be northerly moderate and calm seas.</div><div>Min/Max. temp.</div><div>Amman 21 / 35</div><div>Agaba 27 / 41</div><div>Deserts 21 / 29</div><div>Jordan Valley 25 / 41</div></div>	<div><div>EMERGENCIES</div><div>Amman governorate 891238</div><div>Amman Civil Defence 198, 199</div><div>Civil Defence Unit 274293, 274331</div><div>Civil Defence Overwatch 70033</div><div>Civil Defence Fire Airs 57306</div><div>Ambulance 193, 775111</div><div>Amman downtown fire brigade 198</div><div>First aid 63034</div><div>Blood Bank 77833</div><div>Civil Defence rescue 61111</div><div>Fire headquarters 62290-3</div><div>Police rescue 192, 62111, 63777</div><div>Police headquarters 63914</div><div>Traffic police 89142</div><div>Electric Power Co. 63581-4, 62481</div><div>Municipal water complaints 771258</div><div>Queen Alia Intl. Airport (08)5330940</div><div>HOSPITALS</div><div>Hussein Medical Centre 8131332</div><div>Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn 6442166</div><div>Akleh Maternity, J. Amn 6434112</div><div>Jabal Amman Maternity 636140</div><div>Malika, J. Amman 6641714</div><div>Palestine, Shmeisani 669131</div><div>Shmeisani Hospital 6484655</div><div>Al-Musharraf Hospital 6672707</div><div>The Islamic, Abadi 6641646</div><div>Ibrahim, Al-Muhajir 7751013</div><div>Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh 7751115</div><div>Army, Marka 8916115</div><div>Queen Alia Hospital 60224050</div><div>Amal Hospital 674135</div><div>NIGHT DUTY</div><div>AMMAN:</div><div>Dr. Subhi Tannous 89803</div><div>Dr. Jamil Maragah 79949</div><div>Dr. Munir Wardah 78252</div><div>Dr. Atef Al-Dabbas 66584</div><div>Firas pharmacy 66192</div><div>Fardous pharmacy 77336</div><div>Al Asma pharmacy 63705</div><div>Nafrooth pharmacy 62672</div><div>Al Salam pharmacy 63677</div><div>Yacoub pharmacy 64495</div><div>Shmeisani pharmacy 63760</div><div>TAXIS:</div><div>Talal taxi 64001</div><div>Venice taxi 64434</div><div>Ashraf taxi 62720</div><div>Pepper taxi 63763</div><div>Nahda taxi 63003</div><div>Holiday taxi 63100</div><div>Sayed taxi 64022</div><div>Middle East taxi 64015</div><div>EBRD:</div><div>Dr. Abdul Karim Al Abwah (-)</div><div>Al Sharran pharmacy 95328</div><div>ZARQA:</div><div>Dr. Abdul Latif Al Sharyani (-)</div><div>Khalifeh pharmacy 98417</div><div>GENERAL</div><div>Jordan Television 7731399</div><div>Radio Jordan 7411114</div><div>Ministry of Tourism 64211</div><div>Hotel complaints 66612</div><div>Price complaints 66177</div><div>Telephone information 66177</div><div>Jordan and Middle East calls 10</div><div>Overseas calls 12</div><div>Repair service 11</div></div>
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Princess Basma visits Guides camp in Ajloun

AJLOUN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Saturday visited Ajloun Girl Guides camp and presented badges to leaders of Girl Guides taking part in the camp activities in recognition of their efforts and leading role in the Girl Guide movement.

The Princess delivered a speech on the occasion reviewing developments in the scout and Girl Guide movement in Jordan.

She said that participation in Girl Guide activities is bound to provide the youths with valuable experience for future life.

Princess Basma said that coordination and cooperation between the ministries of education and youth has become essential for promoting the work of youth activities and the scout and Girl Guide movements in the

Kingdom.

Later, the head of the Girl Guides Department at the Ministry of Education, which is organising the camp's activities, delivered a speech outlining the various activities of Girl Guides in the camp.

An army brass band took part in the ceremony during which a group of guides presented a performance of national dances.

Princess Basma inspected the camp and toured the different mechanical, electric and computer workshops and opened an exhibition of photographs, national costumes and traditional crafts relating the development of Jordan's Cultural Movement.

A total of 240 Girl Guides are taking part in the five-day camp.



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma presents a badge to a Girl Guide leader during a visit to the Ajloun camp Saturday (Petra photo)

Rifai urges departments to highlight touristic sites

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Saturday issued a circular to government departments urging them to make maximum benefit from the various conferences, seminars and other pan-Arab and international gatherings that take place in Jordan by orienting visitors to different archaeological and tourist sites in the Kingdom.

The circular also urged concerned departments to work in harmony with the Ministry of Tourism in all plans to promote Jordanian achievements in cultural and historic fields.

Accordingly, Minister of Tour-

ism Zuhair Ajlouni made requests to all government departments and public institutions to coordinate programmes of visitors to Jordan with those of his ministry for the sake of offering the best services to the visitors.

Ajlouni said that arrangements for in this respect should be made before-hand and long before the arrival of visitors so that integrated programmes can be prepared.

Ajlouni said he has entrusted a special team from the Ministry of Tourism to deal with questions related to the new arrangement.

Marking Tawjihi papers to be completed in July

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education is going ahead with the task of marking Tawjihi examination papers and processing the results, and the whole operation is expected to be completed by the end of July, the ministry's Secretary General Munther Al Masri said.

Masri told Al Dustour Arabic daily that the results of the third preparatory class students who sat for the first secondary admission examination will not be

known before the middle of the coming month.

Masri was quoted as saying the ministry has taken into consideration remarks and complaints raised about Mathematics and English language examinations for the Tawjihi students, but did not disclose any measures that would be taken in this regard. Complaints were made earlier that the examinations in both subjects were far above the students' standards.

DEVELOPMENT OF SWEIMEH: A meeting was held at the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) Saturday to evaluate a social and economic study for the development of Sweimeh district in the Jordan Valley. The study was prepared by the Princess Rahmah Centre, at Allan, under the directives of Her Majesty Queen Noor who visited Sweimeh and the Jordan Valley in the past winter and examined the situation. According to the study, Al-Noor Rural Development Project will be implemented at Sweimeh.

All pilgrims arrive in S. Arabia from Jordan

MEDINA (Petra, J.T.) — The last convoy of Jordanian pilgrims arrived here Saturday to perform this year's pilgrimage at Mecca and Medina.

The pilgrims coming here in 35 buses have been accommodated in rented homes here under an agreement supervised by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

A total of 9,000 Jordanian pilgrims arrived by Friday in the holy city of Medina and the total number of travelling to Mecca by land is expected to reach 11,000, according to Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Secretary General Abdul Salam Al Abbadi who heads a mission accompanying the pilgrims.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, quoted an assistant to Abbadi, Sheikh Abdul Rahim Ukur as saying that an integrated plan has been prepared for the guidance of pilgrims in the two holy cities and at the pilgrims camps in Arafat and Mina near Mecca.

"The Jordanian mission accompanying the pilgrims also takes charge of accommodating them and at homes rented for the purpose through the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

Sheikh Ukur reported that all pilgrims arriving in Saudi Arabia from Jordan were in good health. Altogether 11,000 pilgrims from the East Bank and the occupied West Bank and other territories occupied by Israel will perform this year's pilgrimage, according to ministry officials.

During last year's pilgrimage season, which witnessed bloody rioting in Mecca, stirred by Iranian hooligans, three pilgrims from the occupied Arab territories died, two of heart failures and one in the rioting at the holy city.

Japanese team to conduct study at Jafer Basin

AMMAN — A survey team of four Japanese experts, sponsored by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), arrived in Amman Friday for a four-month visit to Jordan, to conduct a water resources survey of the Jafer Basin as part of a technical cooperation programme offered by Japan.

The JICA survey team, in consultation with the Ministry of Planning, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation and the Water Au-

thority of Jordan, will carry out field survey in the Jafer Basin and Hasa Basin — approximately 14,400 square kilometres.

The objective of the team is to conduct a hydrological and hydrogeological survey in the area and to prepare a study for the Water Resources Development in the area. It is expected that the survey will contribute to the development in this area and to the water supply planning in Jordan.

Football federation chairman returns home

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Arab Football Federation Chairman Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd of Saudi Arabia Saturday left for home at the end of a two-day visit to Jordan during which he attended the opening ceremony and the first soccer matches of the championship held at the Sports City Friday.

Prince Faisal was seen off at the airport by Interior Minister Rajai Dajani who is chairman of the Jordanian Football Federation, Minister of Youth Awad Khleifat and other officials.

Khleifat later met at his office with heads of Arab delegations to the championship and reviewed with them the various activities of his ministry and its services to the youth sector and sports organisations in the Kingdom.

The Ministry of Youth is currently involved in setting up a cultural institute to recruit and train leaders for Jordanian youth, Khleifat said.

He said that the ministry will also set up a higher council for the welfare of Jordanian youth in which all sports and youth clubs and organisations will be represented. The ministry has embarked on compiling a series of booklets which give readers ample orientation on the Arab World's cultural and historical heritage, and is making plans for opening offices for the ministry in various parts of the Kingdom, Khleifat said.

The minister stressed the need for strengthening the Ministry of Youth's relations with all youth and sports organisations in the country and said the ministry will try to benefit from other Arab countries' experience in this respect. Khleifat said that the government was giving due attention to promoting the youth sector in Jordan which forms 40 per cent of the population. Referring to the present championship, the minister said that Jordan takes pride in the soccer games which he described as a means for further bolstering inter-Arab cooperation and understanding.

The minister later presented the ministry's shield to the heads of Arab delegations taking part in the games in recognition of their efforts to organise the championship in Amman.

In the meantime, the Civil Defence Department announced that it has set up a permanent centre at the Sports City to offer first aid services to the participants in the games.

Jordan, Egypt begin talks on exchange of expertise in police work

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Egypt Saturday opened talks in Amman to organise the employment of Egyptian workers in the Kingdom and to promote the exchange of expertise and information on police work and security affairs.

The talks were conducted by Public Security Department (PSD) Director Lieutenant-General Abdul Hadi Al Majali and his Egyptian counterpart Major-General Mamdouh Bura'i who is now on a visit to Jordan.

The talks also dealt with bilateral cooperation in matters pertaining to criminal investigation, criminal laboratory work, and training of police squads for the protection of airports.

At the outset of the meeting, Majali underlined the importance of bilateral cooperation in secur-

ity matters and said that such cooperation should be extended to all Arab states to benefit the whole Arab society.

Majali expressed his department's readiness to exchange expertise and information with the Egyptian Public Security Services, especially in the application of comprehensive security which the PSD is carrying out in the Kingdom to implement Arab police chiefs' recommendations.

Bura'i paid tribute to Jordan's experiments in comprehensive security and said he was impressed

by Jordan's police work and the introduction of modern techniques.

With regard to Egyptian workers, Bura'i said his department was ready to provide each worker with a certificate to prove that he has no previous criminal record before his arrival in Jordan.

Bura'i and his accompanying delegation were later accompanied on a visit to the Civil Defence Department (CDD) where they met with its Director Khaled Tarawneh and senior officers and heard a briefing on the department's duties and recent developments.

Tarawneh spoke on the department's preparations to install an early alarm system that enables the CDD to offer immediate services to banks, companies and factories in Jordan.

Gulf Air soars away to success

THE 1987 Arab Travel Magazine "Airline of the Year Award" has been won by Gulf Air.

In the first time such a poll has been held, the airline had a clear cut victory receiving almost 30 per cent of the total votes cast.

With 536 votes in the bag, Gulf Air was more than 20 per cent clear of the runner-up, Saudi Arabian Airlines who received 218 votes.

In third place, the top foreign airline polled was British Airways with 154 votes — around 9 per cent of the bag and the region's baby airline Emirates will be delighted to hear they took fourth place with 114 votes.

Gulf Air will receive their award — a specially framed cer-



tificate at a ceremony when the publisher of Arab Travel, chairman of Al Hilal Publishing and

Marketing Mr. Anwar Mohammad Abdul Rahman, makes a presentation.

Shalabi attempts to join the Romantics

By Nelly Lama
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Ibrahim Al Shalabi has just come back to the French Cultural Centre with another exhibition covering two main themes: structurally drawn watercolours of boats on the seashore with interesting effects in the sky, and powerful scenes of horses portraying the nobility of Bedouin life rendered in oil.

When one looks at the latter paintings, one thinks immediately of the Romantics of the nineteenth century. Gericault and Delacroix, who portrayed the military splendour of the cavalry, depicting the fury that exalted the Napoleonic wars. Gericault throws his horse and rider into exaggerated gyrations in an effort to create an illusion of explosive action and Delacroix, a confirmed orientalist, creates a huddle to frantic energy through a sharp agitation of his figures forming his own special brand of



Two of Ibrahim Al Shalabi's paintings currently on display at the French Cultural Centre

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tumultuous excitement. Ibrahim Al Shalabi does the same. He portrays a fugue of people and horses interlaced with their bodies forming strong counterpoint (i.e. they are in a state of strong torsion and ceaseless movement). A fallen rider, in Ibrahim's work, holds on to the reins trying to regain his seat, hopeless as it seems, the movement gives the painting such a heroic feeling that the viewer feels that there is hope.

Ibrahim uses an open brushstroke just like the masters, but this is where the resemblance stops. For where the masters, in spite of the intensity and movement of their paintings, give solid form to their horses and people, Ibrahim paints them with a sort of sketchiness filling in spaces rather than giving them solid form. Thick white brushstrokes form the highlights and he pays little attention to landscape. Ibrahim's background is totally detached from the movement in the first plane, whereas Delacroix uses diagonals and different light effects so the fugue goes on and



oo in his canvas; even his tufts of horses are swirling in directions that reiterate the main movement. Ibrahim makes a very brief attempt at that, but the relationship of forms is not obvious. It is important to state here the fact that Delacroix believed that "style can only result from great

research," and to see the extent of the research done by Delacroix, it is imperative to visit his workshop in the street of St. Germain Des Pres, where one finds hundreds of sketches in pencil, charcoal, even oils, done before the main or final work is painted. The interesting thing is

that with all this study Delacroix's painting did not lose any of its spontaneity. It is imperative too, to study the works of such artists in its entirety, in order to capture its bold and masterful spirit. Ibrahim's work is very ambitious and his exhibition will remain in the cultural centre until July 13.

Heat wave to last 2 more days

AMMAN (J.T.) — The present heat wave affecting Jordan and other countries within the Eastern Mediterranean region is expected to last two more days, according to Meteorology Department Director Ali Abanda.

Abanda was quoted by Al Dustour Arabic daily as saying that the heat wave raised temperatures above 37 Celsius in Jordan, Turkey, Syria and Greece but it is expected to subside by Monday.

The earliest registered heat wave with such intensity to hit Jordan in the month of July was in 1953 when it registered a peak of 41.7 Celsius in Amman, Abanda said.

He said there were other heat waves in 1957 and 1978 with temperatures reaching 42.2 Celsius. Abanda noted that the current heat wave was due to a mass of hot air moving into the Mediterranean region from India.

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Security from justice, not arms

THE THREAT of the season for the Israelis, according to the news reports we read, is the long-range missile capability that several Arab states are obtaining. For the past month, it has been hard to read a news report about Israel without coming across dire Israeli warnings about the threats to Israel's security posed by Syrian and Iraqi acquisition of long-range surface-to-surface missiles, which, the Israelis add, could be equipped with chemical weapon warheads. Israel and the United States agreed last week to work together to develop an anti-missile system to ward off this new danger, while the Israelis are hard at work diplomatically trying to dissuade the manufacturers of such missiles, reportedly the Soviet Union and China, from selling them to the Arab states. We find it ironic — though typical — that Israel should be hauling in the United States and its money to deal with the symptoms of a problem, rather than with its causes. If the Israelis really wanted to assure their security, the best way to do so would be for them to sit down with the PLO and the concerned Arab states and work out a negotiated solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Once the Palestinians have secured their national rights, and once the Arab states do not have to deal with an Israel that occupies their territory or threatens their national interests, then there would be no more reason for Arabs to fight Israelis or for Israelis to fight Arabs.

The equation is very simple, and as ancient as humankind. Where justice prevails, peace is assured. Where justice is denied, no land is occupied, or national rights are curtailed, the human spirit will fight back until the wrong is redressed. The Israelis cannot expect to be able to dictate terms to the Arabs, or to our arms suppliers, forever. They should recognise that security comes from justice, and not from arms.

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Al Ra'i: Arab teams welcomed

KING Hussein on Friday opened the fifth Arab Soccer Cup Championship in Amman, welcoming the Arab teams in the Jordanian capital. Amman's hosting of Arab sports meetings comes in the wake of an economic meeting which the Jordanian capital hosted last week, and follows a few months after the Arab summit meeting was held here to achieve agreement and consensus among Arab countries. King Hussein has made the capital a meeting place for Arabs, opening its doors to all constructive action on the political, economic and cultural fields. Jordanians take pride in hosting Arab countries for any meeting, since by doing so they contribute directly or indirectly towards achieving harmony among Arab brothers and towards enhancing solidarity among Arab countries. The present championship is another sign of solidarity among Arab countries, and it could pave the way for the formation of a unified Arab soccer team that can rival the best teams worldwide. Challenges posed against the Arabs on the political, economic and cultural levels can be confronted through unity of purpose and unity of action. Indeed, the present championship in Amman is another opportunity for the Arabs to come closer together in a brotherly atmosphere; and the gathering could pave the way for more meaningful steps towards promoting sports activities in the Arab World.

Al Dustour: Struggle gains momentum

THE uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories has entered its eighth month, with the Arab population more determined than ever to achieve freedom and end the Israeli occupation. The heroic struggle which was intensified Friday throughout the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the confrontations between Israeli troops and Arab resistance stand out as evidence that the Palestinian struggle continues to gain momentum as time passes. Israeli military commanders admitted that the uprising could last for years, burdening the Israeli economy and thwarting Israel's dreams. Although the Palestinian uprising has not received sufficient assistance from the Arab world so far, the Arab people of Palestine have shown no sign of weakness nor any tendency to give up the struggle for freedom.

Sawt Al Shaab: Amman: 'catalyst for unity'

AMMAN which played host to an Arab summit meeting last November, this month hosted a pan-Arab economic meeting and is now hosting sports teams from Arab countries competing in the 5th Arab soccer cup championship. Amman, which has raised the standards of unity and consensus among the Arabs, serves as a common denominator and as a catalyst for Arab unity and pan-Arab action at the political, economic and cultural levels. The status of Amman in the Arab World was reflected in the address of Prince Faisal Ibn Fadd of Saudi Arabia at the opening of the championship, which manifests the credibility of Amman and the status of the Jordanian leadership within the Arab World. Hosting Arab meetings of every kind in Amman, is in line with Jordan's pan-Arab orientation, and its drive to achieve Arab solidarity in every form and at any level. Sports can be considered as yet another area where solidarity can be demonstrated among Arabs, and is another form of building bridges of strong cooperation and coordination among brothers. All forms of meetings among the Arab countries serve as channels serving the common cause of joint and effective Arab action.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

Time to look at fundamentals

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

FROM now on, the economic policy of the government should concentrate on addressing the economic fundamentals instead of dealing with the crises that could result from a distortion or deterioration in one or more of those fundamentals.

When the economic fundamentals are not healthy, one crisis after another should be expected as a matter of course. By contrast, when the fundamentals are strong and improving, the containment of crises, if they happen at all, would be smooth and easy to cope with.

By the economic fundamentals we mean the general trends and the changes taking place in major areas such as the balance of trade-imports and exports, the remittances of the expatriates, Arab and foreign incoming financial aid, the country's reserves in foreign exchange, the external indebtedness of the country, the deficit in the central government budget, the level of activity in the national economy, the size of new investments and capital formation, and the rate of unemployment.

All these economic fundamentals were not at their best during 1987. Deficit in the balance of commodity trade which has decreased every year since 1982, and especially in 1986, resumed

its growth in 1987. The expatriates remittances dropped by JD 97 million. Arab and foreign financial aid declined by JD 18 million. Withdrawals from external public loans exceeded repayments by JD 76 million. The net position of the country in foreign exchange as reflected by the assets and liabilities of the banking sector retreated by JD 37 million. The deficit in the budget widened to the extent that the Treasury has to borrow internally and externally a total of JD 239 million in one year. The level of the economic activity was not satisfactory. The volume of new capital formation did not improve. The unemployment, especially among graduates, continued to worsen.

All these adverse developments were caused by certain circumstances, internal and external, which are quite understood. But we cannot afford to be understanding observers of the situation. We should have a package of economic integrated and coherent policies and measures. We need a comprehensive programme, nationally agreed upon, to be mandatory to all Jordanian governments, to enable the government of the day to act and take the unpopular decisions without having to worry about its popularity or bowing to the special interest groups who can

pressure authorities and force certain actions or inaction.

Once we examine the crises that surface from time to time, we find out that two kinds of reasons must be behind the trouble: First a direct reason which could have been avoided, and second an atmosphere which makes crisis inevitable and a matter of time, pending the slightest direct reason to take place and trigger the crisis.

Looking at the recent dollar exchange rate crisis which erupted on 2/5/1988 and was repeated one month later on 2/6/1988, we observe that the insignificant direct reasons were dealt with properly, and things were quickly back to normal. But we should not dwell too long on these direct and unimportant reasons and waste the valuable time talking about procedures and regulations. It is the fundamentals that count and that deserve the attention and the effort. Dealing with direct reasons is quite swift and easy, but changing the course of economic fundamentals is much more difficult, yet it is the only sure way to protect the economy from further shocks and further repetitions of the crisis.

The economic performance of the administration can be judged only by what happens to the fundamentals.

For prayer or politics?

By G.G. Labelle
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Arab uprising that has torn the Israeli-occupied territories for seven months is now interfering with one of the most sacred rites for Palestinian Muslims — the Hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca.

This month, as the world's Muslims travel to Islam's holiest shrine in Saudi Arabia, only about 1,300 Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip will make the pilgrimage, less than a quarter the number who went last year.

Palestinians say the sharp drop is due to the economic and psychological impact of the uprising and to tactics the Israelis are using to try to quell it.

Adel Abu Seneh, owner of an Islamic book store, said he decided not to go to Mecca for fear of what might happen while he was gone.

"I wouldn't even be thinking about the Hajj," he said. "I'd be worried about whether my village was under curfew."

Families with sons in jail were also reluctant to leave. Israeli officials say 5,000 Palestinians are imprisoned in connection with the uprising. More than 200 Palestinians and four Israelis have been killed in the violence.

Palestinians are also faced with deep cuts in income this year as a result of dozens of anti-Israeli protest strikes, which have shortened their business hours, and orders from Arab leaders not to go to jobs in Israel.

The cheapest route to Mecca costs 740 dollars. This covers a bus ride from the Jordanian capital of Amman to Saudi Arabia and includes hotels, but not food and other travel costs.

It's an extra 30 dollars if the bus is air conditioned.

A travel agent specialising in Hajj trips, who gave his name only as Abed, said some pilgrims were also having trouble getting Israeli exit permits because of unpaid taxes and age restrictions on Arab travellers.

Withholding taxes is a chief weapon used by Palestinian underground leaders in their campaign of civil disobedience against Israel. One way Israel catches tax evaders is by checking records of any Palestinian who applies to cross to the East Bank.

Under the age restrictions, Palestinian men age 16 to 35 who go to Jordan are ordered to stay there for nine months before returning. The measure was adopted several months ago to try to prevent messages from being passed to and from members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Abed Al-Rahman, 30, owner of a small cafe in Arab east

Jerusalem, said this is preventing him and many others from making the monthlong Hajj.

"I just want to make the pilgrimage. I don't want to hang around Amman almost a year," he said.

Olivier Rafowicz, spokesman for Israel's West Bank Military Government, said the age and tax measures were aimed at calming the violent uprising, not at holding back Muslims wishing to go to Mecca.

"I wouldn't even be thinking about the Hajj... I'd be worried about whether my village was under curfew."

"The point is that everyone who wants to cross the bridge (to Jordan) has to be checked about his tax payments," Rafowicz said. "If there is no problem, he can cross the bridge."

It is one of the basic tenets of Islam that all Muslims go to Mecca at least once, if they can afford it.

This year, 1,300 Muslims will make the pilgrimage from the West Bank and Gaza, according to Ahmed Bayoud, head of the Hajj Department of the Jeru-

salem Waqf, or Muslim Welfare Society. He said 5,800 Muslims made the trip last year.

By the Muslim lunar calendar, this year's Hajj is expected to begin July 14. Buses begin the long trip to Saudi Arabia this week.

The high point of the pilgrimage, marking Abraham's offering of his son for sacrifice, should fall on about July 22. Muslims believe the son in question was Ishmael, looked on as the founder of the Arab people; the biblical account gives the son as Isaac, one of the Jewish patriarchs of the old testament.

Samir Mohammed Shuweiki, 31, a picture framer, feels so strongly about making this year's Hajj that he paid for the trip even though he is kept from going by the government's age restrictions.

He said he has been going daily to the Israeli Interior Ministry, but has not been granted an exit visa.

"This is harassment. Before the intifada (uprising), I could have gotten the permit in one day," he said.

Shuweiki, a father of five, spoke in his small shop in Eizar-iyya, an east Jerusalem suburb. On the walls were framed verses from the Koran, Islam's holy book.

He said he would keep up his daily visits to the interior ministry until the last moment.

"Why are the Israelis making these obstacles?" Shuweiki asked. "I want to go for prayer, not for politics."

Turkey's opposition — a challenge to Ozal

By John Owen-Davies
Reuters

ANKARA — After months of infighting, rival factions in Turkey's main opposition party have buried the hatchet to challenge the divided government of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

Independent political sources said on Saturday the newly United Social Democrats were emerging as a credible alternative ready to take advantage of splits affecting the ruling Motherland Party seven months after a sweeping election win.

The Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) united this week at meetings which returned Erdal Inonu as chairman and elected former arch-rival Deniz Baykal as secretary-general.

"If the SHP's new arrangement can be maintained, not only the SHP but also Turkey's political life, which requires a consistent opposition party, will benefit greatly," one independent political source said.

Opinion polls this year have shown the SHP either ahead or narrowly trailing Ozal's Motherland Party, which has 292 seats to the SHP's 99 in the 450-seat parliament.

Polls reflect discontent over Ozal's free-market economic policies, which have sent inflation soaring to 70 per cent from 39 per cent before last November's general election.

Ozal narrowly escaped assassination last month during a Motherland Party Congress, which later re-elected him leader but produced a dramatic swing to its religious-nationalist right.

Baykal, 50, a cabinet minister in the turbulent 1970s, is the SHP's new strongman, controlling 26 of the 44 seats in the party's new decision-making party assembly.

"The coming municipal elections are our first target," he said after the assembly elected him secretary-general.

Ozal is widely expected to call municipal elections for October, several months before they are

due, in an effort to reduce the opposition party's preparation time.

"If the SHP does well there, we will be talking about a possible new government, maybe within four years," an independent political source said.

Senior SHP sources said Baykal had buried differences with Inonu, a 62-year-old nuclear physicist untainted by political violence which resulted in the 1980 army coup.

Ozal, 60, a conservative, remains firmly at the head of the Motherland. But political sources say gains made by the so-called "holy alliance" were likely to damage the party's future electoral chances if left unchecked.

The alliance, a nightmarish faction with Muslim fundamentalist leanings, won 35 seats on the Motherland's 50-member policy-making body in a secret ballot a week before the SHP meeting.

Led by Mehmet Kecerler, a former top Motherland official and ex-mayor of the religious fundamentalist stronghold of

Konya, the group includes followers of the ultra-rightist nationalist movement party, banned after the coup.

Ozal, who sees the party as centrist, last weekend announced minor cabinet changes to preserve balance in the party, still influenced heavily by liberal technocrats trained in the West.

"Ozal kept the balance. If he did not, he would be out of the window," a Western diplomat said.

Health Minister Bulent Akarcali, who resigned shortly before the reshuffle, was, quoted by newspapers as saying many people in the party would rather leave than work with Kecerler.

"The holy alliance emerged only a few months ago in reaction to what it saw as a takeover of the party by liberals, some of whom, because of their Western education, do not speak Turkish as well as foreigners," one diplomat said.

The alliance at present represents only about eight per cent of

Motherland supporters. But political sources say its strength is growing in rural areas hit hardest by inflation.

Kecerler, 44, did not get a cabinet post but diplomats believe he will in time be given a portfolio to make him "accept collective responsibility."

"Ozal is likely to bring him back into the main stream after he has humiliated him enough," one diplomat said.

To do bring him in to the cabinet, Ozal will have to persuade President Kenan Evren, who as a general led the 1980 coup and has power of veto over cabinet appointments.

Even vetted Kecerler's candidacy, along with about 100 others, for the 1983 general election.

Shortly after the Islamic revolution in neighbouring Iran, Kecerler was the main figure at a rally in Konya when calls were made for abolition of Turkey's secular state and a return to Islamic rule.

Italian Communist Party suffering 'most difficult moment'

By Mary Beth Sheridan
The Associated Press

ROME — Italy's Communist Party, which nearly came to power a decade ago, is desperately searching for a recipe for success following its third electoral drubbing in a year.

The most recent setback came at the end of June when the party, the second-biggest in Italy and largest in the West, lost ground in local elections in Northern Italy.

"This is one of the most difficult moments in our history," said the party's new leader, Achille Occhetto, who was elected last week.

The Communist's dramatic decline reportedly helped force out the former party leader, 70-year-old Alessandro Natta. His resignation following a heart attack marked the first time in the party's history that a leader stepped down.

Occhetto, 52, inherited a party lacking leadership, divided over its identity and unsure how to appeal to an electorate which is less blue-collar and more conservative than in the past.

"We've said we don't want to follow the Soviets, the (Italian) Socialists or the Americans," notes a Communist senator, Stojan Spetic. "We're still searching for an answer."

The prolonged search has hurt the Communists' morale — and also their popularity.

A year ago, the Italian Communist Party (PCI) suffered its worst defeat in parliamentary elections in 20 years, slipping to 26.6 per cent of the vote.

In May, the Communists dropped to 21.9 per cent of the vote in local elections, down from 25.8 per cent in 1983. This week's balloting reduced their share of the vote in two regions from 19.8 per cent to 15.7 per cent.

Meanwhile the Socialist Party of former premier Bettino Craxi has surged, challenging the Communists for leadership of the left.

Many Communists are pinning their hopes for a revival on Occhetto.

In the 1970's — gone were the days when the party was known as "the other church" with its "Pope" in Moscow.

Occhetto is considered politically savvy and "perfectly conscious of the necessity and the urgency of creating a new PCI," said the left-leaning Rome daily La Repubblica.

But the Communists need more than a new leader.

One of the party's pillars, the blue-collar working class, has declined in number during Italy's economic and technological boom.

Young people, who traditionally voted heavily for the Communists, are now spreading their votes among different parties.

"Today's young people don't have idealistic values," Spetic said in an interview. "They are much more pragmatic. They want work, careers."

In a speech to party members, Occhetto noted the shrinkage in the party's traditional bases of support and said this "puts in question even us, and it is from this consideration that we ought to draw our new course."

It would not be the first time the Italian Communists changed course.

In the 1970s, party leader Enrico Berlinguer proclaimed the party's independence from the Soviet Union. Gone were the days when the party was known as "the other church" with its "Pope" in Moscow. Italian Communists sought to achieve power through the democratic system.

The party, which had been kept out of the government since 1947, won 34 per cent of the votes in the 1976 elections — just four points less than the Christian Democrats.

But Berlinguer was unable to persuade the dominant party to give him cabinet seats, and had to settle for being consulted on major issues.

Since then, Italians have grown increasingly disillusioned with a party that appears unlikely to govern.

At the same time, the Socialists have enhanced their reputation as an alternative through Craxi's position as head of the governing coalition for three years, up to mid-1987.

Since the death of the charismatic Berlinguer in 1984, the Communist Party has wrestled over what kind of alternative it should be.

Should it re-examine its revolutionary roots, or seek a Social

Democratic line — perhaps even changing its name.

A poll by L'Espresso magazine of 234 Communist supporters who had voted recently for a different party found that the largest group — 30 per cent — complained of the lack of a clear Communist political line.

An invigorated brand of communism in the Soviet Union has not given new lustre to Italy's party.

Michael S. Gorbachev's ouster of Stalin and rejection of some Marxist principles have been seen as indications of the history of the Italian party, which supported Stalin in its early days.

"It is the logical conclusion of the Craxi effect and the Gorbachev effect, which has shaken the PCI against the ropes," Enzo Beretta, a former Communist Parliament deputy from the Liberal Party in a column in the Turin-based La Stampa newspaper.

FROM THE WORLD'S PRESS...

Pro-Israel sympathy declines in U.S.

NEW YORK — The number of Americans sympathetic to Israel declined from 48 per cent in February to 37 per cent in April in the wake of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to a poll released July 7 by the American Jewish Committee.

The survey, by the Roper Organisation, shows a more significant drop in support for Israel than reflected in recent polls commissioned by the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Polling experts attributed the variations to different survey procedures, questions and interpretation of data.

At the same time, 11 per cent of those polled by Roper said they sympathised with Arab states, compared with eight per cent in February. — The New York Times.

Americans believe Vincennes acted right

WASHINGTON — Americans overwhelmingly believe that the USS Vincennes was justified in shooting down an Iranian passenger jet and also strongly approve of the Reagan administration policy in the Gulf, according to the latest Washington Post-ABC News Poll.

Seventy-one per cent of those surveyed said the U.S. cruiser was justified in downing the Iran Air jetliner while 23 per cent disagreed, and 80 per cent said the captain acted properly in ordering the action. Seventy-four per cent said they thought Iran was more to blame for the incident; only 14 per cent said the United States was more to blame. Iran said all 290 aboard the jet perished after it was blown out of the sky Sunday. The Pentagon said it was mistaken for an F-14 fighter.

Poll respondents, by 65 to 31 per cent, approved of the way President Reagan is "handling the situation involving the U.S. navy in the Persian Gulf," the highest rating he has received on this issue since the question was first asked in a survey completed June 1, 1987.

The poll results suggest that the White House is succeeding, at least in the short term, in its strategy to deal with the incident. As explained by administration sources, that strategy calls for U.S. officials to apologise for what happened, say it was understandable under the combat circumstances prevailing in the Gulf and continue with business as usual. — The Washington Post.

Turkish president stresses Western ties

ANKARA (R) — President Kenan Evren has said Turkey had strong ties with the West and he believed there could be no major obstacle to it eventually becoming a full member of the European Economic Community (EEC).

"In view of our strong traditional ties with the West, I do not believe that eventually there could be any serious obstacle in the path of Turkey becoming a full member of the EEC," he told Reuters in an interview.

Evren, who was in Washington last week and starts a four-day state visit to Britain July 12, said NATO membership "Turkey was solidly Western both in outlook and in its historic vocation."

Turkey, bordering the Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Bulgaria and Greece, applied in April 1987 for full membership of the EEC. Some EEC states have objected to Turkey's mainly Muslim and Asian identities and its human rights record.

Evren, 70, ruled out the chance of secular Turkey, a nation of 54 million people, drifting towards Islamic law.

"There is no need for our friends to be concerned about this issue. Turkey has produced such generations of West-orientated young people that it is inconceivable for the country to drift towards Islamic law," he said.

Evren, the first Turkish presi-

dent to travel to either Washington or London in 21 years, said he believed his visit to Britain would help to strengthen relations.

Evren, who as a general led the 1980 army coup which crushed political violence and paved the way for a return to democracy, said he was optimistic about the future of Turkey-U.S. ties.

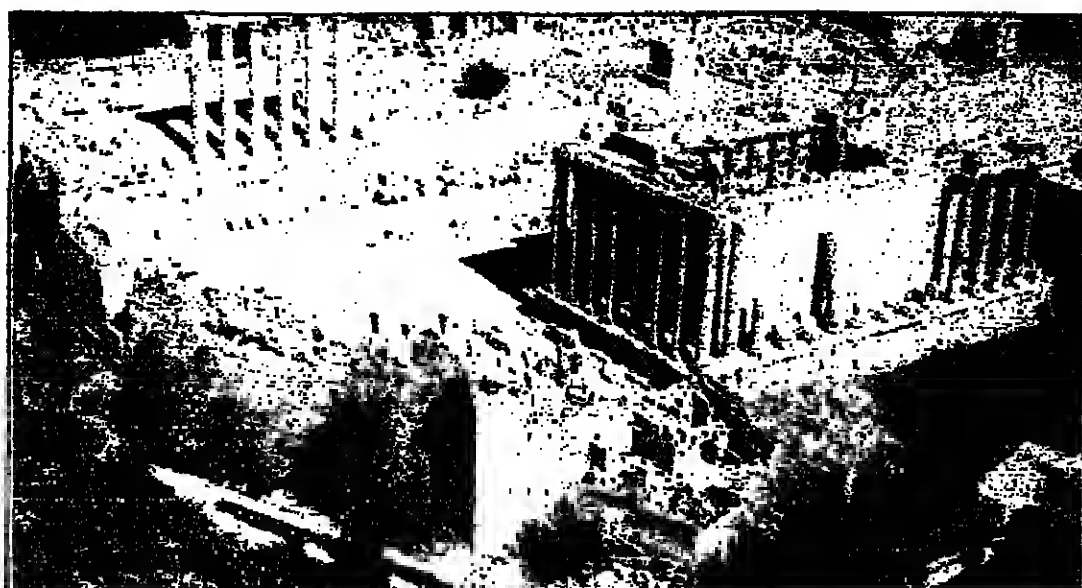
"Belief in basic Western values and principles, adherence to democracy and respect for human rights and freedoms are the common denominators affecting Turkish-American relations," he said.

"Partnership in the same alliance (NATO) also plays a significant role in determining the course of our relations... there is no problem whatsoever between the two countries."

Evren said Turkey wanted to resolve its problems with Greece, an EEC member, in a peaceful manner.

Evren said: "The desire to improve our bilateral relations with Greece has important reasons irrespective of EEC membership. We know that Turkey's application to join the EEC is affected by considerations other than our relations with Greece."

He said the problem of Cyprus could be resolved only through negotiations between the Turkish-Cypriot and Greek-Cypriot communities under the auspices of the U.N. secretary general.



The eastern Lebanese city of Baalbek is renowned for its magnificent Roman ruins. Will excavations in the heart of Beirut unearth yet more precious ruins?

Beirut ruins, old and new, inspire Japanese archaeologist

BEIRUT (R) — Japan's top archaeologist sat in the burned-out Rivoli cinema on Beirut's green line battlefield and spoke of building peace on ruins older than those wrought by 13 years of civil war.

Against an improbable background of broken glass and ruined buildings, Professor Namio Egami outlined plans to excavate a vast area of ancient Beirut and preserve it as the heart of a new, modern capital.

"We think the long time of war and struggle is nearly finished and the time has come to restore eternal peace and reveal the city," Egami, 82, president of the Japanese Archaeologists Association and a Middle East specialist with extensive experience in Iran and Iraq, told Reuters.

"This is a chance to reveal the history of Lebanon, the Canaanite, Phoenician and Roman periods," said Egami who is aided in the project by fellow

archaeologist Professor Hideo Fujii of Kokushi Kan University.

"We want to make here a symbol, an archaeological site kept forever as a symbol of eternal peace," he said.

The site, last visited by cinema-goers over a decade ago, is thought to cover a city built by the Phoenicians, the seafaring traders who dominated the East Mediterranean some 10 centuries before Christ.

Teams of Lebanese armed with picks and shovels were digging two trenches at the Rivoli end of Martyrs' Square, surrounded by crumbling buildings tattooed by the pockmarks of war.

Through the bead-high weeds it was hard to see the Japanese and Lebanese flags flying side-by-side from the Martyrs' Monument in the centre.

Local people said they believed the Lebanese Forces militia, which controls the Rivoli end of

the square, had agreed with the army units at the other to avoid any shooting during the dig.

Egami would not confirm any agreement but said he was unafraid. "This is a neutral zone. They have stopped shooting now. The time is coming for peace," he said.

He said the three-day test dig, ending Saturday, was not intended to uncover the ruins but to give him an idea of the soil conditions for further, much more extensive excavations with bulldozers starting next year.

But Lebanese archaeologist Fady Stephan said the team had already found, mixed up in the modern layer, glass fragments and pot shards dating from Roman times.

Finds displayed in a space amid the undergrowth also included colourful Islamic ceramics from the Fatimid period around 1000 AD.

Arab Americans push concerns at Democratic policy debate

WASHINGTON (J.T.) — Arab Americans and their issue concerns were at the centre of the Democratic Party's policy debate during meetings of the platform committee in Denver in late June.

Five Arab Americans were in Denver as committee members: four with Jesse Jackson and one with Michael Dukakis. A sixth Arab American, Ohio representative Mary Rose Oakar, served as co-chair for the session.

Four planks — on ethnic stereotyping, immigrant rights, Lebanon and the Gulf war, and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict — were submitted by Arab Americans for consideration by the full committee. Two passed.

Representatives of the Dukakis campaign accepted the resolution on ethnic stereotyping without requiring a vote, and it was inserted in the platform as introduced. A

second resolution on immigrant rights, put forth by both Hispanic and Arab American committee members, was also accepted by the full committee.

Fifty-one platform committee members attending the Denver meeting (over 300 of the committee's 186 members did not attend) endorsed a resolution supporting sovereignty for Lebanon and a negotiated solution to the Gulf war. Some Dukakis and Simon delegates joined Jackson supporters in favour of the resolution, which calls for peace on the basis of mutual recognition, territorial compromise, and self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians. Forty-eight endorsements are required for any plank to be considered for the minority report.

Terje Anderson, a Jewish American from Vermont, spoke in support of the plank on Palestinian rights, as did Arab American Institute (AAI) executive Director James Zogby, who introduced the resolution, stated, "Lebanon

and the Gulf states are not just 'other countries.' Lebanon and its people need our support and the Gulf region is too critical an issue to be ignored by our party."

On Middle East peace and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in particular, Dukakis delegates refused to accept any change in the existing platform language. Nevertheless, 53 Jackson and Simon supporters signed on the resolution, which calls for peace on the basis of mutual recognition, territorial compromise, and self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians. Forty-eight endorsements are required for any plank to be considered for the minority report.

Summing up the weekend meetings, Zogby noted "We are proud of the role we played. Today, Arab Americans are at the centre of the Democratic Party. Our issues can no longer be ignored. The Arab American role was visible, well-organised and respected."

Kuwait to seek renewed U.S. commitment in Gulf

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah left for Washington Saturday where diplomats said he would press for a renewed American commitment to a large military presence in the Gulf.

Sheikh Saad, who is also crown prince, is the most senior Kuwaiti visitor to the United States for 20 years.

U.S. naval vessels provide protection for half Kuwait's tanker fleet, sailing under U.S. flags through the Gulf, where Iran has frequently attacked vessels belonging to backers of Iraq.

Kuwait is also pressing Washington to supply it with 40 F/A-18 fighter-bombers and Maverick air-to-ground missiles.

The deal is now before the U.S. Congress. The Senate Thursday voted to exclude the missiles from the sale which is worth \$1.9 billion, citing potential "threats" to Israel's "security."

Officials and the press here expressed disappointment at the Senate's vote, reiterating that the decision will not thwart Kuwait's quest for alternative weaponry elsewhere.

"The Senate's decision is disappointing," said a Kuwaiti official, who requested anonymity. "The weapon is an essential part of the deal."

Earlier, Kuwait's ambassador to the United States, Sheikh Saad Nasser Al Sabah, said the deal would be "worthless" without the Mavericks.

Last Sunday's shooting down by a U.S. warship of an Iranian plane carrying 290 people has

raised questions over the U.S. presence in the Gulf and brought calls for a reassessment of policy.

President Reagan said America's obligations to the region would not be affected by the shooting.

Diplomats said Sheikh Saad would seek renewed American commitment to maintain a sizeable presence in the Gulf.

Sheikh Saad is also expected to urge new U.S. action to end the Gulf war during talks with Reagan, Vice-President George Bush and other officials.

The Kuwait News Agency KUNA said Sheikh Saad's delegation included Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah.

In Washington, the State Department accused Congress Friday of causing confusion about U.S. ties to Arab countries by seeking to strip Maverick missiles from F-18 jet fighters being sold to Kuwait.

Withholding the missiles would make the jets ineffective, department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said.

"Moreover," she said, "it creates confusion about the direction of U.S. policy in the Gulf. Congress and the administration have long encouraged our friends in the Gulf to share more of the burden of defending the region. Consequently, we are concerned about this situation."

Oakley also said U.S. national interests had been damaged by Saudi Arabia's decision to buy billions of dollars of arms from Britain instead of the United States.

"We think it does hurt American interests," Oakley told reporters. "We think that our interests are better served when we can sell legitimate self-defence items to friendly Arab countries."

The White House blamed the Saudi decision on reluctance of the U.S. Congress to approve some arms sales to Arab countries but denied it would harm U.S.-Saudi relations.

"Our relations with Saudi Arabia are very good," spokesman Martin Fitzwater said. "We have provided them with arms in the past. We undoubtedly will in the future. They're a close ally in the Gulf and we would like to do business with them."

Fitzwater told reporters the administration regretted the Saudi-British deal, which is estimated to be worth some \$30 billion over a 10-year period, and said it was a blow to the U.S. defence industry.

"This is a \$30 billion loss that American companies might well be fairly upset about," he said. "So in that sense we do regret that they have had to turn to Britain."

Asked whether the White House blamed opposition in Congress to Arab arms sales for the Saudi move, Fitzwater replied: "Well, let's just say we have certainly made our requests and they (Congress) have been the recalcitrant party."

Bush says Iranian families should be compensated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis says he believes some sort of assistance should be offered in the wake of the shooting down of an Iranian airplane carrying 290 people.

Vice-President George Bush, the Republican candidate, says President Ronald Reagan's administration is considering making payments, but not to the Iranian government.

Bush said Friday he feels "terribly sad for the families of those people" who died when the plane was shot down by an American warship last Sunday.

"I would never, ever under any circumstances offer reparations to the Iranian government," Bush said. He added that he understands payments to the victims' families are being considered by the administration.

In Washington, Reagan also said the question of compensating the families was among matters "under consideration."

Dukakis indicated Friday in Texas that he favours payments to the families. "I think some form of humanitarian assistance would probably be appropriate," said the Massachusetts governor.

While Bush arranged to speak by phone Saturday to the Nebraska Republican convention, Dukakis planned to campaign in California, Oregon and Washington.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Romania tells Israel to talk to PLO

TEL AVIV (R) — A top political adviser to Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu has told Israel's leaders they should negotiate a Middle East peace settlement with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Friday Romanian envoy Constantine Metea delivered a message from Ceausescu which urged Israel to join in an international peace conference which would also include the PLO. Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres rejected Ceausescu's call, their spokesmen said. Peres told Metea he was willing to negotiate with residents of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, a foreign ministry spokesman said. Ceausescu recently met PLO leader Yasser Arafat. Shamir's spokesman said a meeting between Arafat and the Romanian president in Bucharest last week may have prompted Metea's visit.

Mubarak meets Portuguese minister

CAIRO (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak met Saturday with Portuguese Foreign Minister Joao de Deus Pinheiro. Portuguese embassy sources said Pinheiro delivered to Mubarak a message from President Mario Suarez. They did not disclose the contents. Pinheiro arrived in Cairo Friday on a two-day official visit which Egyptian officials said would further cement friendly bilateral ties. He is the first Portuguese foreign minister to visit Egypt since diplomatic relations were resumed in 1975 after a 12-year break over Portugal's colonial policy in Africa. Egypt restored ties after Portugal gave up its African colonies. Mubarak and Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid made separate visits to Portugal in 1985.

Better Libyan-Italian ties seen

ROME (AP) — A high-level Libyan delegation concluded a three-day visit to Rome Friday that signalled an improvement in Italian-Libyan relations. The Libyans were led by Abu Khazam, vice-secretary of the General People's Congress, the country's highest policy-making body. Khazam, who met with Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, Italian congressional representatives and political party officials, said his visit marked the beginning of a thaw in the relationship between the countries. Andreotti said Italy wanted to improve contacts with Libya and added: "It is necessary for neighbouring countries to get along." Relations had been strained since Libya fired two missiles at the Italian island of Lampedusa on April 15, 1986, the same day as the U.S. air raids on Tripoli and Benghazi.

Jordan renews support for Palestinian uprising

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sources other than the United States, the King pointed out: "Jordan did this in the past. We currently import weapons to cover our defensive needs from Western Europe and the Soviet Union. The weapons we import are, actually, not the same size which Saudi Arabia does import. Every country signs arms deals according to its financial capabilities."

He added: "We believe that every Arab country must undoubtedly ensure self-defence according to its capabilities and conditions, and be part of Arab

defence and future of the Arab Nation."

King Hussein said he had nothing new to report on relations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) or a formula for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation at a Middle East peace conference.

"I announced Jordan's position on this issue in my speech at (last month's) Algiers summit. The speech included the position in full," the King said.

Addressing the same press conference, President Mubarak said Iran shared responsibility for the U.S. downing of an Iranian airliner

and he warned a similar tragedy could happen again.

Mubarak told reporters he had been shocked at the attack on the civilian airliner by a U.S. cruiser which mistook it for a fighter jet.

But he added: "I have to blame the Iranians also. The state of war existing, with Iran refusing to accept peace initiatives, could lead to many more disasters in the future."

On Jordanian-Egyptian relations, the King told the press conference: "Jordan and Egypt are proceeding together in one march as two brothers hoping that the Almighty would help us

fulfil our duty towards the future generations."

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the King's talks with the Egyptian leader dealt with "all important issues and the latest developments in the region."

The King was accompanied on the visit to Cairo by Prime Minister Taji Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Oqam and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

The King's talks with Mubarak were held over a working luncheon hosted by the president.

Revolt enters eighth month

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The shutdowns, expected to last at least through Sunday, follow the instructions of a leaflet signed by the "Unified National Leadership of the Uprising of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)."

The leaflet called for a two-day general strike Saturday and Sunday to mark the eighth month of the uprising and to mourn Palestinian deaths in the Shatila refugee camp in Beirut last week.

Journalists were turned back at army checkpoints and could not confirm reports of protests and clashes.

The army dispersed protesters at the Aida refugee camp near Bethlehem with rubber bullets and several residents received injuries. Protesters stoned troops and tried to wrest weapons away from soldiers, according to Israel Radio.

The army then clamped a curfew on Aida.

In Artira, a village of 3,000, Palestinians buried blocks and bottles at soldiers, the army said, after soldiers apparently entered the area after midnight to conduct arrests.

The troops chased the stone-throwers into homes and de-

tained several of them hiding under beds, an army spokesman said.

During the ensuing raid soldiers broke furniture and windows in at least 10 homes, and beat five villagers with sticks and rifle butts, said Joost Hiltmann, a spokesman for Law in the Service of Man, the West Bank affiliate of the Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists.

Palestinian sources reported several stoning attacks on Israeli vehicles in the occupied territories.

In Arab Jerusalem, police used tear-gas to disperse groups of protesters putting up roadblocks and stoning police vehicles. Demonstrations were reported throughout Arab Jerusalem and residents raised Palestinian flags in at least one neighbourhood.

Shops and businesses remained closed, transport came to a standstill and most children stayed away from schools throughout the occupied territories.

In the Gaza Strip, a 17-year-old was injured by live ammunition and the army broke up demonstrations with tear-gas in Khan Yunis, Palestinian sources said.

U.S. cautious to Iran stand

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Jack Matlock at Matlock's request to discuss various regional issues, the TASS news agency said. It provided a brief report on the meeting.

Commenting on the airliner's destruction, Shevardnadze said that "this was not an accident, but dramatic evidence showing that a policy from positions of strength and of building up tensions can lead to."

Diplomats in the Gulf region said that by refusing to retaliate, Iran hoped to be seen acting responsibly and so gain the diplomatic initiative over Iraq in the almost eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

It hoped to persuade the United Nations to grant its minimum condition for ending the war — a U.N. condemnation of Baghdad as the "aggressor" in the Gulf conflict.

As several thousand worshippers chanted "Death to America, Death to Reagan," Rafsanjani said Iran should await the outcome of its request to the U.N. Security Council to condemn the attack.

The U.N. body will debate Iran's appeal Tuesday.

Rafsanjani said if the council stops "mumbling," further prog-

ress could be made.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei said at a funeral rally for the victims of the Airbus tragedy Thursday that if Iranians showed the world they were strong, "the others may have to be flexible."

Diplomats said the Iranian leadership's campaign was also aimed at boosting public morale sapped by Iraqi missile attacks on Tehran and other cities in March.

"There was open talk of why continue with this war," said one diplomat. "A number of people who can afford to pay others to do military service for them if they get drafted. The leadership would face serious problems if the attacks started up again."

At the same rally, Rafsanjani condemned British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for backing the missile strike by the Vincennes on the Airbus.

"What kind of spirit is this?" Rafsanjani asked. "Not even a wolf would approve of it. Your face will be dirty in history."

Spokesman Fitzwater, asked Friday about several conflicting versions of Sunday's incident, said he would refrain from commenting until the navy investigation, headed by Admiral William Fogarty, was completed.

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Arab currency dealers discuss money, capital markets, dollar

By Saleh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times economics correspondent

AMMAN — The 15th Arab Cambist Association conference ended here Saturday after discussions focusing on the future outlook of money and capital markets, the foreign exchange market, the dollar rate and the problem of international debt.

Central Bank of Jordan Governor Maher Shukri delivered a speech in which he reviewed the latest measures taken by the bank to regulate the domestic foreign exchange market. He told the meeting, sponsored by the finance and credit corporation, that the latest measures had boosted the convertibility of the Jordanian dinar.

Credit and Finance Corporation Deputy General Manager Hani Qaqesh told the Jordan Times the conference was successful in terms of organization and the exchange of views be-

tween the more than 300 Arab foreign exchange dealers and experts. He said the U.S. dollar was the dominant theme in the conference due to its present volatile character in world markets. Qaqesh said the conference also helped strengthen relations between Arab and joint venture banks.

Arab Cambist Association (ICA) President Abdallah Al Dakhlil said Friday that since most Arab investment was done outside the Arab World, the movement of the dollar and

world stock and capital markets had direct impact on dealers in the region.

Head of investment banking at Citibank in Frankfurt, Fritz Menzel, presented a paper on money and capital markets and an analysis of the October stock market crash. Petra Bank's general manager Ahmad Chalabi made a presentation on the international debt, and Rolf Selge, senior vice president of New York's Morgan Guaranty Trust Company discussed the foreign exchange market, the dollar rate and the futures market.

The two-day conference, which included a panel discussion, was attended by nearly 500 people, some of whom contributed to the debate.

One of the association's goals is to promote training schemes in the Arab World and is looking for young people to train them to be dealers with special skills.

At the opening session Friday, Finance Minister Hanna Odeh delivered a speech in which he said the decline in oil prices and the regression in the economic growth rate in the Arab region over the past few years have shown that the expansion in the finance and banking sectors during the seventies was not the result of a balanced structural development. He said there existed "organisational and institutional gaps that require treatment and adjustment to the present economic and financial situation."

Odeh expressed hope that the Arab banking sector would develop its capabilities to satisfy the growing demands of Arab economies, mainly in the field of savings and investment and the creation of new financial instruments to boost inter-Arab and Arab-international investments.

IMF head urges banks against slowing growth in debtor states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debtor countries will be unable to increase their income unless banks provide them with more assistance, the head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) says.

Michel Camdessus told a Geneva meeting of the U.N. Economic and Social Council Friday that while new ideas have been advanced over the past year for financing the middle-income countries, net lending "has remained negligible."

Camdessus did not name the

countries he appeared to have in mind. The biggest debtors in the group are Brazil, Mexico and Argentina. In Latin America, U.S. banks are usually the biggest lenders.

He said he is concerned over delays and difficulties in putting together packages of loans for governments trying to adjust to their international debt problems. Such packages usually include loans by the fund itself, by commercial banks and inter-governmental lenders like the

World Bank.

Adjustments required in return for the loans generally include austerity programmes that debtor governments find difficult to swallow. On Wednesday, for example, a programme that includes wage controls prompted an unprecedented demonstration in the parliament building of Yugoslavia.

Camdessus said erroneous signals are sometimes sent to governments contemplating new measures.

"Such a signal is doubly unfortunate at a time when, in a growing number of countries, there appears to be much less debate on what needs to be done, but much more difficulty, politically, in putting sounder policies into practice," he added.

"Unless the banks do more to support adjustment efforts in middle-income countries, the notion that our debt strategy is a collaborative one oriented to growth will not pass serious scrutiny."

Dollar surges to 9-month high

NEW YORK (R) — Dealers said the dollar is expected to rise still further against European currencies after soaring Friday when a robust U.S. jobs report raised expectations of higher interest rates to ward off inflation.

But bond prices tumbled on the news that the U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 5.3 per cent in June from 5.6 per cent the previous month, suggesting strong economic growth but also a higher risk of inflation.

The rise in bond yields, which are money-market interest rates, worried Wall Street investors. The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell about seven points Thursday, lost another 16.54 points to 2,106.15.

"The economy's growing too fast for its own good and I'm pretty sure the Fed will come to the same conclusion before long," said Dana Johnson of First Chicago Corp.

The prospect of higher interest rates — which would make U.S. assets more attractive and therefore spur global demand for dollars — boosted the dollar to 1.8415 marks from 1.8230 at Thursday's close despite reports that the U.S. and West German central banks were selling dollars Friday.

"The dollar is expected to rise further against European currencies," said Richard Lloyd, chief dealer of Security Pacific National Bank.

al Bank.

The Bundesbank has sold dollars all week to check the greenback's recent rise — which could spur inflation in West Germany — and dealers are watching for clues as to whether the Federal Reserve (Fed) is equally committed to taming the dollar.

Currency dealers in New York said the U.S. central bank intervened after the dollar breached 1.83 marks, and then again after it rose to 1.8435 — a 3-penny gain in a week to the dollar's highest level since last October. But they said the U.S. central bank's dollar sales appeared modest.

The Fed sold dollars in \$10

million lots through a handful of European and U.S. banks, dealers said, briefly pushing the currency below 1.84 marks in the afternoon. But it recovered to finish near its highs.

The dollar jumped to 133.25 yen from 132.85, while the pound fell to \$1.6995 from \$1.7120 at Thursday's close in New York.

Speculation that interest rates would move higher was based on Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's past comment that the jobless rate probably could not fall below 5.2 or 5.3 per cent without fuelling inflation. Many investors feared the Fed might raise its discount rate from the current six per cent level.

China to issue Great Wall Mastercard

BEIJING (Agencies) — The Bank of China and U.S.-based Mastercard International agreed Friday to issue a Great Wall Mastercard for extending credit in foreign currencies to Chinese going abroad.

The new card, China's first foreign currency credit card, will supplement the bank's two-year-old Great Wall credit card that can be used inside China when making purchases in Chinese currency, the yuan.

Chinese who have legal income

in foreign currency and foreign currency accounts with the Bank of China can apply for the new card, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Chinese-based offices of foreign companies, foreigners who live in China and Chinese-foreign joint ventures also can apply for the card, it said.

Xinhua said the yuan Great Wall card is accepted by more than 1,800 Chinese shops and hotels. It did not say how many subscribers the card has.

The new card can be used in more than 5.4 million shops, hotels and restaurants worldwide that accept Mastercard.

Foreign trade leaps, deficit shrinks

On foreign trade, China nearly halved its trade deficit in the first six months of 1988 as imports and exports surged, the official New China News Agency reported Saturday.

Relaxed foreign trade controls, more favourable tariffs and export-oriented policies helped boost trade, the agency said. Exports leaped by quarter over the first half of 1987 to \$21 billion while imports rose by a

fifth to \$22 billion. The deficit fell 42 per cent to \$1.15 billion from \$1.97 billion.

The agency quoted unnamed trade analysts as saying China's trade deficit could be maintained at \$2 billion for all of 1988, compared with \$3.75 billion in 1987.

"This optimistic view however is not shared by some other economists," the agency added, saying imports of cars would grow in the second half. China's biggest export earner in the first six months was textiles, jumping by a quarter to earn \$1.68 billion.

Steel was China's biggest import commodity but purchases fell by a fifth.

Haj Hassan tours centres for registering expatriates

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Acting Labour and Social Development Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan Saturday toured centres for the registration of expatriates taking part in the Jordanian Expatriates Congress which is due to open here Monday under Royal patronage.

Later, he met with Jordanian ambassadors to the Gulf Cooperation Council, heads of Jordanian communities and heads of specialised committees involved in the preparation for the coming congress.

The minister paid tribute to the committees' work and said that it reflects their keenness to offer a national service to Jordan and the expatriates alike.

The committees have prepared working papers, and made arrangements for the participation of delegates in a very comfortable atmosphere, and it is hoped that the congress will yield

fruitful results.

On Thursday, the minister said that the goals of the congress is designed to acquaint expatriates with the general situation in the Kingdom, and developments in economic, social, and political fields.

Haj Hassan said that the four-day meeting will be attended by about 800 delegates specially selected to represent the broad sector of the Jordanian expatriates living and working abroad. According to officials from the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, which is organising the congress, the delegates will discuss the projected holding company which will channel investments to Jordan's various projects.

Tabbaa fixes juice price

AMMAN (Petra) — Locally-produced and ready to drink natural juice sold in plastic containers with an aluminium foil cover will be sold for 100 fils for every 250 milli-litres according to instructions issued by Industry, Trade and Supply Minister Hamdi Tabbaa Saturday.

The instructions made it clear that producers should fix the price in Jordanian currency on each container in such a manner that can cause no confusion for the consumers.

All produced juice should conform to the specifications and regulations set by the ministry, Tabbaa said.

The minister said that no types of juice can be sold in any form of containers unless they conform to the ministry's regulations and with defined price tags on the cover.

OAPEC urges investments in Arab refineries

KUWAIT (R) — The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) urged Arab oil producers Saturday to invest more in refineries in the Arab World.

"Investments in new refineries in the Arab World are not receiving the attention they deserve; although the increasing Arab consumption of refined products will ensure a continuously expanding market," OAPEC's July bulletin said in an editorial.

Several Arab oil producers, including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi, have bought shares in refineries in the West to guarantee markets for their crude.

OAPEC said these investments were cheaper than building new refineries, provided expertise and complemented domestic oil activities.

But it said the oil products sector in the industrialised world was oversupplied and only marginally profitable.

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Top three companies:			
Darco for Housing and Investment	84554	JD 45348	71
Universal Chemical Industries	21050	JD 31576	6
Jordan Lime and Brick	54000	JD 11880	20
Parallel market:	14077	JD 6512	—
Development bonds:	613	JD 6832	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, July 2, '88 and ending Wednesday July 6, '88. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

Name of company	Number of shares	Volume of trade	Opening price	Closing price	Par value
Banking and financial institutions					
Industrial Development Bank	17591	28102	1.550	1.580	1.000
Petra Bank	142	275	1.940	1.940	1.000
Jordan Islamic Bank	2041	3627	1.760	1.790	1.000
Jordan Kuwait Bank	2253	3187	1.440	1.410	1.000
Jordan Gulf Bank	2735	3360	1.230	1.250	1.000
Housing Bank	8430	15161	1.780	1.810	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank	—	—	—	—	5.000
Cairo Amman Bank	—	—	—	—	5.000
Bank of Jordan	1871	28540	15.400	15.200	5.000
Arab Bank	1080	122556	113.750	113.000	10.000
Jordan National Bank	15920	40079	2.520	2.530	1.000
Jordan Finance House for Development	56835	51152	0.900	0.900	1.000
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation	3838	6738	1.980	2.050	1.000
Finance and Credit Corporation	119439	72517	0.580	0.600	1.000
National Financial Investments	2738	4928	1.800	1.800	1.000
National Portfolio Securities	8118	5872	0.720	0.730	1.000
Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	825	1120	1.350	1.360	1.000
Jordan Securities Corporation	4383	3333	0.750	0.780	1.000
Real Estate Financing Corporation	—	—	—	—	2.000
Al Mashrek Exchange	—	—	—	—	10.000
Insurance and reinsurance					
Jordan French Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
RESCO Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Life and Accident Insurance	10000	9900	0.990	0.980	1.000
Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance	4000	4400	1.100	1.100	1.000
Holy Land Insurance	9000	11420	1.300	1.270	1.000
Philadelphia Insurance	2380	1966	0.800	0.840	1.000
Arab Union International Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jerusalem Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan-Gulf Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
General Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Eagle Insurance	—	—	—	—	10.000
Middle East Insurance	—	—	—	—	10.000
National Ahliya Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
United Insurance	17900	16850	0.940	0.950	1.000
Services and industries					
General Investments	1100	1375	1.240	1.250	1.000
Inna for Investment and Financial Facilities	13528	8389	0.600	0.630	1.000
Darco for Housing and Investment	353804	183161	0.460	0.520	1.000
Real Estate Investment (Aqarco)	40450	19670	0.450	0.470	1.000
Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment	19803	6683	0.310	0.340	1.000
Jordan Leasing Corporation	—	—	—	—	1.000
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipment	127345	28556	0.720	0.720	1.000
Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Tajero	11000	3180	0.780	0.790	1.000
International Contracting & Investment	68742	15087	0.210	0.220	1.000
Jordanian Electric Power	6447	9685	1.490	1.510	1.000
Irbid District Electricity	700	625	0.930	0.950	1.000
Arab International Hotels	—	—	—	—	1.000
Aladia Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Garys Owners Federation Office	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan National Shipping Lines	3459	3009	0.870	0.870	1.000
Jordan Press Foundation	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Press and Publishing	—	—	—	—	1.000
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing	38400	18381	0.470	0.470	1.000
Jordan Dairy	8765	8696	1.000	0.990	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	1159	2285	1.940	1.980	1.000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	23860	29443	1.240	1.240	1.000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	6513	16119	2.380	2.490	1.000
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Intaj)	12330	15520	1.260	1.250	1.000
Arab Chemical Detergent Industries	300	1185	3.960	3.930	1.000
Jordan Kuwait for Agricultural Products	2150	2587	1.190	1.210	1.000
Aladia Industries	112505	186091	1.550	1.640	1.000
Jordan Worsteds Mills	925	4173	4.520	4.510	1.000
Jordan Ceramics	5175	5935	1.120	1.160	1.000
Chemical Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	13245	8389	0.620	0.640	1.000
Dar Al Dawa' for Development and Investment	4216	6495	1.520	1.550	1.000
National Steel Industries	30400	80209	2.630	2.630	1.000
Universal Chemical Industries	8766	13040	1.490	1.510	1.000
General Mining	1059	1387	1.310	1.310	1.000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery	4014	29511	7.340	7.340	1.000
Jordan Lime & Brick	162056	35697	0.210	0.220	1.000
National Industries	640	225	0.380	0.380	1.000
Arab Paper Converting and Trading	7500	2325	0.320	0.310	1.000
Jordan Wooden Industries (JWICO)	1900	2125	1.100	1.120	1.000
Livestock and Poultry	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing	3490	4103	1.160	1.190	1.000
Rafia Industrial for Plastic Bags	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Paper and Cardboard	12626	39041	3.080	3.070	1.000
Jordan Rockwool Industries	54533	34190	0.590	0.620	1.000
Trans-Jordan Minerals Research	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Hinch Mineral	—	—	—	—	1.000
Orient Dry Batteries Factory	—	—	—	—	1.000
Woolen Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Tanning	335	673	2.000	2.010	1.000
Jordan Printing and Packaging	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette	20	299	14.350	14.500	1.000
Mas Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Center for Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals	—	—	—	—	1.000
National Cable & Wire Manufacturing	29700	30235	1.010	1.020	1.000
Jordan Spinning & Weaving	24591	18983	0.770	0.780	1.000
Jordan Sulpho Chemicals	20050	46887	2.590	2.600	1.000
Jordan Cement Factories	43363	50219	1.140	1.160	1.000
Jordan Glass Industries	2450	2380	0.990	0.970	1.000
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Serbs stage protest over regional powers

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia (R) — Thousands of Serbs staged an angry protest Saturday in Vojvodina, an autonomous province of Yugoslavia's biggest republic Serbia, accusing local leaders of separatism and of blocking central authority.

The Serbs, led by a hardcore of 900 from the ethnically-torn south Serbian province of Kosovo, marched through Novi Sad waving banners and shouting angrily at police who initially tried to block their path.

The protest highlighted an open political conflict between Yugoslav Communist Party leaders in Vojvodina and those of the Serbian Republic over regional autonomy.

Eyewitnesses estimated the crowd at more than 2,000 and said marchers were cheered and

applauded by local people who lined the route to the Vojvodina regional parliament.

Many protesters arrived on trains from Kosovo and others drove in cars and buses from Belgrade, capital of both Serbia and Yugoslavia.

Joined by Belgrade dissidents known for Serbian nationalist views, they chanted slogans demanding a unified Serbia.

They protested against the Vojvodina leadership's opposition to current attempts in Serbia to

change the Yugoslav constitution to give Serbia more power over the provinces.

Leaders in Serbia, headed by hardline Serbian party leader Milosevic, complain that the provinces have too much autonomy and even aspired to statehood.

In a recent interview with the Belgrade magazine NIN, Milosevic accused Vojvodina leaders of opportunism and of striving to break Serbia into three separate republics, with separate states in Kosovo, Vojvodina and Serbia.

The Vojvodina Party said in a statement Wednesday that Milosevic's remarks were "an open invitation to a division of Vojvodina's leadership and an attempt to discredit it."

ASEAN endorses anti-Khmer Rouge force

BANGKOK (AP) — Southeast Asian countries want an international peacekeeping force to keep the Khmer Rouge from returning to power in Kampuchea, Thailand's foreign minister said Saturday.

The statement by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations was the strongest public condemnation yet of the Khmer Rouge, one of three guerrilla factions in a Kampuchean rebel coalition backed by ASEAN.

The guerrillas are fighting Vietnamese troops that invaded Kampuchea in late 1978 and ousted the Khmer Rouge, which had ruled since 1975 in a reign of terror that saw an estimated 2 million people die from executions, famine and civil unrest.

The Thai minister, Siddhi Savetsila, spoke at a news conference ending a three-day annual conference of foreign ministers of ASEAN and its Western "dialogue partners."

Soviet premier talks of Red Army withdrawal



Nikolai Ryzhkov

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov says the Red Army will withdraw from foreign lands by the end of the century, but a U.S. official says a Soviet pullout from Hungary may come much sooner.

A State Department official said Friday that there are "increasing indications" of a unilateral withdrawal from Hun-

gary, which was invaded by Soviet troops in 1956 to crush an uprising.

Reports of a possible Soviet withdrawal have circulated for a year and a half. The State Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said its information is based on U.S. intelligence reports.

Ryzhkov, speaking to Western reporters Friday, gave no indication that the Soviet Union was preparing to a unilateral withdrawal from an East Bloc nation before 2000.

He said such moves could come only in the context of a general withdrawal involving Western forces as well.

He said his government believes no armies should be on foreign territory.

"Our proposal is this: Let us take out all the armies," he said. "The armies in Czechoslovakia are part of the Warsaw Pact armies."

Red Army units are stationed in several Soviet Bloc countries, including Czechoslovakia, Hungary and East Germany.

Romania takes tough stand on human rights

VIENNA (AP) — Romania Friday told the stalled conference on European Security and Cooperation it will not accept a concluding document without amendments that Westerners say would water down human rights provisions in a compromise draft.

Conference sources said Romania's rigid stance was adding to the difficulties of winding up the deadlocked forum this summer.

The conference, attended by all signatories to the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, started in November 1986.

Speaking at a closed plenary meeting, Romanian Deputy Chief Delegate Dumitru Aninoui said his country has "great reservations" on human rights pro-

visions in the compromise package worked out by Europe's nine neutral and non-aligned countries last month.

The package, which has not been made public, contains extensive provisions increasing the freedom of East Bloc citizens to travel abroad, practice religion and speak out more freely, according to delegates familiar with the proposals.

Earlier this month, Aninoui rejected most key human rights provisions in the compromise draft and accused the neutral nations of bowing to Western ideas on human rights.

His speech Friday was viewed as a clear sign that Romania was unlikely to mellow its hard stance in the coming weeks.

Pope warns Catholic bikers

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul, welcomed by the sound of revving engines and blaring horns, addressed about 100 motorcyclists in St. Peter's Square Friday and told them to be prudent on the road. "The Virgin Mary begs you to respect all people ... not to endanger your lives, to restrain haste, impatience and the euphoria of speed so as never to be the cause of tears or suffering," the Pope told the group of Catholic bikers. The motorcyclists, due to attend an international Catholic reunion at a shrine to the Virgin Mary in northern Italy over the weekend, later presented the Pope with 12 motorcycles to be used by missionaries in the Third World.

Duchess of York unhurt in accident

LONDON (AP) — The Duchess of York, eight months pregnant, escaped injury Friday when her car collided with an oncoming car on a highway 30 kilometers outside London, police said. A police bodyguard was driving the Duchess's Jaguar, and she continued the journey in an accompanying police car, Buckingham Palace said. The 28-year-old Duchess, formerly Sarah Ferguson, is married Prince Andrew, the second son of Queen Elizabeth II. She is expecting their first child.

U.S. to check condom quality

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — U.S. officials will visit Malaysia later this year to check the quality of its condoms and rubber gloves. The national news agency BERITAMA quoted an official from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as saying the visit, scheduled for September or October, was to ensure Malaysia was meeting American standards for latex-dipped goods. Malaysian factories producing condoms and surgical gloves have been working round the clock to meet export orders that have soared because of the world AIDS scare. U.S. officials have in the past complained at the quality of Malaysian condoms.

Ape celebrates 30th birthday

ATLANTA, Georgia (AP) — The Atlanta zoo's elder ape celebrated with honeydew melon and other fruit at his 30th birthday party. About 500 people turned out for the fourth of July celebration opposite Willie B.'s new outdoor habitat at the zoo's African rain forest. Some sang "happy birthday." Willie B. received a basket of fruit, which he lugged to the edge of a moat. The great ape dived down five bananas, dropping the peels carefully in front of him, then gobbled a few clusters of red grapes, followed by an apple and a couple of handfuls of strawberries.

Castro intervenes in toothpaste crisis

HAVANA (R) — A recurring shortage of locally made toothpaste has drawn personal intervention from Cuban President Fidel Castro. Castro spent a long time at a meeting of Havana manufacturers Thursday, studying the reasons behind the latest shortage. "It is incredible that our production of toothpaste is below domestic demand," the national news agency AIN quoted him as saying.

Striptease record breakers may sue

LOS ANGELES (R) — The sponsor of a record-breaking striptease act threatened Thursday to sue the Guinness Book of World Records if it did not include the marathon stripping in its next edition. Newcomb, 28, and Delane Ballou, 22, who delivered a strip-tease act lasting 72 hours, but Tom Crisp, owner of Bumps and Grins, Gram, which sponsored the striptease, said Guinness' American editor-in-chief David Boehm had refused to certify the record because it was pornographic.

Joan Kennedy pleads innocent

BARNSTABLE, Massachusetts (R) — Joan Kennedy, wife of Senator Edward Kennedy, pleaded innocent Wednesday to charges of drunk driving, police said. Police said Kennedy, 51, was alone in her car shortly after dark Tuesday when she crashed into a ditch on a road near the Kennedy family compound at Barnstable.

5 die in Greek forest fires

ATHENS (AP) — Five people, including three Britons, died in raging forest fires on the western resort islands of Cephalonia and Corfu, officials said Saturday.

The officials said Irene Evans, a 32-year-old mother of three, died from burns Friday while being airlifted by helicopter to a hospital in the town of Argostoli in Cephalonia.

Two of Evan's daughters, Jenny, 10, and Maria, 3, also died in the fire that broke out early Friday near the village of Lakithra on the Ionian island.

The officials, who declined to be identified in accordance with Greek practice, said 14-year-old Angela Evans had survived the flames but was listed in critical condition in an Athens hospital.

They said five other Greeks were also hospitalized with burns.

A police spokesman on Cephalonia said Evans, of Greek origin, had been vacationing on the island without her husband, Tom.

Pretoria proposes black councils

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The government Friday proposed the creation of regional black legislative councils to address matters related solely to blacks.

The anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party condemned the proposal, saying it was a "totally absurd" attempt to keep politics separated along racial lines.

The extension of Political Participation bill, published in the official government gazette, said the regional councils would be elected by blacks, but did not specify how many would be established. President P.W. Botha would have the power to

veto bills passed by the councils.

At present, blacks can vote only in municipal elections and in 10 homelands.

The 26 million blacks have no representation in parliament and cannot vote in national elections.

The proposed councils would have authority over regional matters concerning blacks such as education, welfare, local government and community development.

"It is the government's viewpoint that all communities should participate in the government process on the different levels," said Chris Heunis, minister of

constitutional development and planning.

Helen Suzman, member of parliament for the Progressive Federal Party, said the proposal was "one of those hopeless efforts to avoid the realities of the South African situation."

Paper says India train death toll 300

QUILON, India (R) — Rescue officials said 150 passengers could have died when an express train plunged into a monsoon-swollen lake in southern India and newspapers put the toll from Friday's disaster at up to 300.

Officials told reporters at the scene 103 bodies — including 20 women and seven children — had been recovered from the wreck of the Bangalore-Trivandrum express before bad weather halted rescue work Friday night.

Navy divers resumed the hunt for bodies in Ashtamudy Lake, about 15 kilometers from Quilon, at first light Saturday.

Most bodies recovered so far were found in two overcrowded and partially-submerged carriages.

Rescue officials said the divers, flown in by helicopter from the naval base at Cochin, north of Quilon, were now trying to retrieve bodies from carriages submerged in more than 15 metres of water.

The divers were using cutting gear to break into a first-class carriage with at least 50 passengers locked inside. Railway officials could not say why the doors were locked.

Meese report unlawfully leaked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent counsel James McKay said Friday a court order prohibiting any leak of his report on Attorney General Edwin Meese III had been violated and that he would seek sanctions against those responsible.

Sources who declined to be identified by name said a portion of the 830-page report had been leaked to the New York Times. Executives of the Times in New York and Washington declined

immediate comment.

One source said the Times had acquired those portions of the report which were available to Meese's former lawyer and confidant, E. Robert Walsh.

McKay, who did not identify the source of the leak, said he "regards this as an extremely serious development and intends to investigate this matter and seek sanctions against the person or persons responsible for this violation."

Sources said McKay decided against seeking any criminal indictment of Meese although matters discussed in the report might be reviewed by justice department ethics officers to see if administrative discipline is warranted.

The special three-judge court which appointed McKay authorized him to give out portions of his report to individuals who were mentioned in it, so they could have an opportunity to submit rebuttal comments before the report is released publicly by the court. They were given until July 14 to submit such comments.

McKay's office said those portions were released under an order from the court requiring that the portions be kept confidential. Any violation of such an order would subject the violator to potential contempt-of-court penalties, to be determined by the three-judge court, McKay's office said.

FBI suspects official took bribes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) suspects that defense consultant Melvyn R. Paisley accepted bribes or gratuities from three defense contractors while Paisley served as a top U.S. navy official, court documents disclosed Friday.

Search warrants said the FBI was looking for memos about "payment from General Dynamics and McDonnell Douglas to Paisley in the form of checks, gifts, or other forms of remuneration, or to his wife, Vicki," at the time he was an assistant navy secretary. Agents were also looking for evidence of payments or gratuities from Pratt and Whitney employees to Paisley.

In a detailed search warrant of Paisley's home in McLean, Virginia, the FBI also said it sought evidence that Paisley gave James E. Gaines, a deputy assistant secretary of the navy, a painting. They also sought evidence that Paisley or fellow consultant William Galvin provided gratuities to Gaines including "Money to Gaines' companies, entertainment tickets, and tires."

The warrant used by the FBI in the June 14 search of Paisley's house was released by the clerk of the U.S. district court in nearby Alexandria, Virginia. The search was one of a series carried out across the nation June 14 in an investigation of massive corruption in the \$150 billion a year Defense Department purchasing system.

The probe centers on allegations that contractors and consultants bribed Defense Department officials in order to obtain inside information that would give them an edge in bidding for defense contracts.

The FBI documents showed the government is investigating Paisley's work as a consultant to 10 defense contractors and disclosed the names of several Defense Department employees whose contracts with Paisley are being investigated.

To date, no one has been charged in the case.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Lagos begins to package toxic waste

LAGOS (R) — Nigeria has started preparing illegally dumped Italian toxic waste for removal without waiting for the Italian government to act, according to the news agency of Nigeria and a government minister. The state-owned news agency said Friday that dockers moved into the dump in Koko, a small port in the southeast where 3,800 tonnes of waste was found last month. Italy has said it will try to retrieve the waste, described as extremely hazardous by foreign experts who tested it, but Nigerian Works and Housing Minister Brigadier Mammam Kontagora said the Italian government was not involved in the removal. "Contrary to expectation, the Italian government is not involved in the evacuation. They are too slow in carrying it out," he said on Nigerian television Thursday night. "We are not going to wait. Time is a factor."

Mahatma Gandhi statue unveiled

MOSCOW (R) — A bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled in Moscow Friday at a ceremony attended by Soviet President Andrei Gromyko and Indian President Ramaswamy Venkataraman. Venkataraman told a crowd at the monument site near Moscow University that Gandhi, the founder of modern India, had "preached the gospel of love between man and man." TASS news agency said. "He was not merely the leader of our struggle for freedom but he was the leader of social changes which transformed India from a medieval society into a modern one," Venkataraman said at the ceremony which marked the end of a year-long festival of India in the Soviet Union.

Shevardnadze meets Aga Khan

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze Friday met Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the United Nations coordinator on humanitarian and economic aid to Afghanistan, the official TASS news agency said. Shevardnadze told him that Moscow had already allocated 305 million rubles (\$510 million) in aid to returning Afghan refugees and 60 million rubles (\$100 million) in reconstruction aid for war damage, TASS said. A force of more than 100,000 Soviet troops which began withdrawing from Afghanistan in mid-May was leaving behind facilities constructed since Moscow sent its forces into the country in 1979, TASS added.

Ortega: Contras violating ceasefire

MANAGUA (R) — President Daniel Ortega said Friday contra rebels were violating a three-month-old ceasefire and would be responsible for any full-scale resumption of the Nicaraguan civil war. "Once again we are suffering the effects of the terrorist war against Nicaragua," Ortega was quoted as saying in the pro-government Nuevo Diario newspaper, referring to a rash of ambushes and attacks by the U.S.-backed rebels over the past few days. "It is the contras who are renewing the war," Ortega said. "The contras are Reagan and imperialism and they are the ones who are breaking the ceasefire."

6 survivors found in Texas store

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (R) — Six survivors, including a "miracle child" who survived under concrete slabs, were pulled from the rubble of a collapsed store Friday and searchers hope to find more, a police spokesman said. At least 15 people were killed and 47 injured when the El Amigo store collapsed during a heavy rainstorm Thursday in Brownsville, on the border with Mexico.

Judge sets North trial date

WASHINGTON (AP) — The judge in the Iran-contra case ordered Oliver L. North to stand trial Sept. 20 and gave the fired White House aide access to a wide range of secret documents to show he acted with higher authority. The order by District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell Friday means that the first criminal trial resulting from the Iran-contra affair is scheduled to be under way when the fall U.S. presidential campaign is in full swing. But Gesell's ruling on secret documents also pointedly raised the possibility that three major charges stemming from the diversion of U.S.-Iran arms-sale profits to the Nicaraguan rebels would not be part of the case when it goes to trial — if ever.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Your relationships with others can become more progressive if you remain flexible and open to different attitudes and viewpoints. Spend lots of time discussing viewpoints with specialists.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Today you have the opportunity to get a clearer picture of several conditions around you, or in politics. Be patient with others.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get a new perspective, through those that you trust, on how to handle enemies at home and at work. Turn worries into advantages.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Listen to an associate who bluntness but honestly and can give you excellent insight into your relationships.

MON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Relax today and do not think about work. Avoid those who wish to manipulate you thinking, "What is a loved one for anyway?"

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Contact a fascinating new acquaintance and learn from this person. If you use your charm at a social affair today, you can save a valuable friendship.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take advantage of an opportunity to improve your standing within your community. Budget your money carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A charming new contact emerges, to whom it is best to be polite and kind. Pay attention to different philosophies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't permit a foolish quarrel to separate you from those that you love. Control your temper. Catch up on your rest (or don't).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't let the problems of others interfere with your affection for them. Resist the urge to criticize. Be careful with new proposals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study what you can do to help a friend in trouble. Show that you are being understanding, not merely charitable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Make changes in your certain plans to fit new developments. Show more affection for your mate and avoid a big argument.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A current of nervous tension runs at home today. Do not invite guests in at this time. Take some quiet time alone to read and study.

THE Daily Crossword by Roger Coburn

ACROSS

- Smack
- Agreement
- But
- Deputy's pet
- After short
- Form
- Physician
- Extra help
- Shop
- Sales of old
- Chess
- Threat
- Proportion
- Liberalized
- Classical
- City or the
- Skate
- Aluminum jug
- Diamond also
- Place of a
- "Happy Day"
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- Observance
- Laughter
- Spacer
- Tricky
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- Medigram
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- Sarcastic one
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- Fall to use
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- Understand

DOWN

- Threat
- Unreliable
- In a state of
- Only
- Card game
- expressions
- Half dressing
- for All
- Seasons
- Kind of oil
- Voice range
- Simplification
- Concerning
- Requirement
- Web-footed
- animal
- Castal bird
- Famous
- Humor
- Utopian place
- Ill temper
- Egyptian lizard
- Colleen
- Humble
- Mr. Wiesel
- Computer
- Squatter
- Humor of the
- stars
- Voice feature
- Zola heroine
- Share
- Meat dish
- Hammer part
- Columnial
- Barrett
- Work units
- Old style
- Ireland

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q6 ♠ A1072 ♠ Q72 ♠ 95

The bidding has proceeded:

	South	West	North	East
1	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	
2	Pass	3 ♠	Pass	
3	Pass		Pass	

What do you bid now?

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K84 ♠ A1063 ♠ J72 ♠ 95

The bidding has proceeded:

	North	East	South	West
1	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	
2	Pass		Pass	

What action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 85 ♠ Q98742 ♠ Q6 ♠ 1032

The bidding has proceeded:

	North	East	South	West
1	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	
2	Pass		Pass	

What do you bid now?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 95 ♠ 863 ♠ J2 ♠ AQJ982

The bidding has proceeded:

	North	East	South	West
1	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	
2	Pass		Pass	

What do you bid now?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 85 ♠ Q98742 ♠ Q6 ♠ 1032

The bidding has proceeded:

	North	East	South	West
1	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	
2	Pass		Pass	

What do you bid now?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ QJ5 ♠ A87 ♠ 983 ♠ Q1092

The bidding has proceeded:

	North	East	South	West
1	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	
2	Pass		Pass	

What do you bid now?

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square. To form four ordinary words.

PINTE

HEMIC

ZACMEE

ENCUP

WHAT THAT FOOLISH APE WAS.

Now arrange the above letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the cartoon.

Answer: A "FOOLISH APE WAS."

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: QUAIL RODEO INFECT FORMAL

Answer: What happened when the king's men played a joke on Humpty-Dumpty?—HE FELL FOR IT.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR Tender No. TCC 2/88

Upon the request of many bidders, the "Special Tender Committee" (STC) for Tenders related to the five-year plan of the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) announces the postponement of the closing date for Tender No. TCC 2/88 (Local Line Plant — Services and Accessories) until Sunday, July 31, 1988, 10:00 a.m. instead of Sunday, July 17, 1988.

Chairman/"Special Tender Committee" Eng. Mohammad Shahid Ismail
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